

SMOKING PROHIBITED ON ALL CONSTRUCTION SITES

As per Section 1404.1 of the new Fire Code, effective July 1, 2008, as well as Building Code Sections 3301.1.2 and 3303.7., smoking on any construction site (including demolition) is strictly prohibited.

The City will issue violations when they determine that individuals, including workers, are smoking on job sites. The City will also issue violations for failure to post appropriate no smoking signs on site. These violations may be issued to the contractor, the owner and/or other relevant parties and will carry initial penalties from \$1200 to \$2400.

In addition, in order to ensure compliance with the above provisions, DOB strongly recommends that contractors, sub-contractors and appropriate site safety personnel do the following:

- Prominently display non-smoking signs
- Remove all ashtrays
- Inform individuals smoking on the job site that they are not in compliance with the law and may be subject to fines and penalties
- Instruct individuals found smoking to immediately extinguish any smoking materials

Smoking on construction sites can create unnecessary dangers and can compromise the safety of construction workers, first responders and the public. The new NYC Construction Codes and Fire Code create safeguards that will continue to improve fire and construction safety while protecting workers and the public.