

BUILDING SAFETY QUARTERLY

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To enhance communication with property management agents, the Buildings Department (BD) publishes and sends this quarterly newsletter to all property management companies and hopefully through them, this newsletter will reach the hands of building owners.

Little Forum

"Do I have to appoint AP/RSE for roof greening works?"

Roof greening in buildings may vary significantly in scope and extent, ranging from plants in small pots or planters, turfs, to deep water ponds. They may also be installed at various locations of a building, including roof and podium. The effects of greening on buildings depend on the scope, extent and where they are installed.

Generally speaking, greening which only involves a few small potted plants on the roof or in approved planters or tree boxes does not require prior approval and consent from the Buildings Department(BD).

If the greening (including roof greening) involves new building works or strengthening of existing structures, the propoesd alteration and addition works should be submitted to BD for approval.

As a particular type and extent of green features may be feasible in certain locations but not the others, it is therefore important that professional advice from an Authorized Person / Registered Structure Engineer is sought prior to embarking on a proposal to install green roofs in an existing building.





Building Safety Certificate Course

Building Safety Certificate 屋字署 Course 2016/17 is now open for application! The specially courses are for building designed owners, and incorporated owners or management committee members. The sixth course will be held on Oct 8 and 15 at The Bovs' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong, Wan Chai. To apply, please visit our website:



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Nearly one thousand entries have been received for the "Building Safety Depends on All of Us" Comic Drawing Competition for primary and secondary schools. Results will be announced soon and the awards ceremoney will be held in the Building Information Centre of BD on Nov 19.



Practitioners Corner - QP to produce the QP card

When you appoint a Qualified Person under the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme to carry out a window inspection, you should check his/her QP card carefully. The QP card contains the QP's name and recent photo, date of issue, date of expiry and name of contractor (except for Authorized Person / Registered Structural Engineer / Registered Inspector). If necessary, you can verify the information from the registers on BD website. You should ensure that the QP carried out the inspection and supervised the repair works personally. On completion of the inspection and repair works, you should obtain from the QP a copy of the inspection and completion certificates that the QP has submitted to BD for reference.









Full version of the API

New Building What's News information Center











The newly renovated BIC Mong Kok, is open for the public to inspect and order copies of plans, occupation permit of completed private buildings after payment of prescribed fees.



Building Safety Pioneer

Building Safety Pioneer Inauguration Ceremony was successfully held in the Zero Carbon Building at Kowloon Bay on July 16. Students will be provided with training in producing mini-movies so as to promote the importance of building safety to the general public. Below are some highlights of the Inauguration Ceremony:

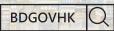




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