

# Accidents on the rise with increase in construction activity

**1.** The number of construction permits issued by the Buildings Department last year, up 23.3 percent since 2002:

**86,915**

**2.** The number of active high-rise construction sites in the city in 2006, up 21 percent from the previous year:

**219**

**3.** The amount spent on New York City construction projects last year, up 7 percent from 2006:

**\$26.2 billion**

**4.** The approximate percentage increase in the number of safety violations at high-rise construction sites in the city from November 2006 to November 2007:

**100%**

**5.** The total number of construction-related fatalities last year in the city, down from 18 in 2006:

**12**

**6.** The approximate number of construction-related deaths in the city so far in 2008:

**12**

**7.** The approximate number of New York City construction workers killed in accidents since 2001:

**106**

**8.** The year-over-year percentage increase in construction injuries on projects of 15 stories or more in the city last year:

**63%**

**9.** The number of safety violations levied against last month's crane accident site at 303 East 51st Street over a 27-month period:

**14**

**10.** The number of complaints received from the community over the construction site in the same period:

**38**

**11.** The weight, in pounds, of the steel collar that came loose and is suspected to have led the crane to fall over:

**12,000**

**12.** The cost of the yellow nylon sling that was used to secure the 6-ton steel collar, which experts say was unusually heavy:

**\$50**

**13.** The estimated number of construction cranes operating today in New York City:

**250**

**14.** The number of violations issued against the contractor at 791 Glenmore Avenue in East New York, where a construction worker died last month after a wall collapsed:

**8**

**15.** The percentage of the timber and plywood formwork on the roof of 469 West 12th Street that collapsed onto the 15th floor on March 8, due to 50-mile-per-hour winds:

**75%**

**16.** The number of windows destroyed at the Trump Soho construction site that night after a chain that wasn't properly secured slammed into the tower's north side:

**12**

**17.** The dollar amount of the fines levied by the federal government on Bovis Lend Lease and the John Galt Corporation for the fatal fire at the Deutsche Bank tower last summer:

**\$464,500**

**18.** The number of safety violations cited against the two contractors that were classified as willful, on top of 39 that were cited as serious:

**5**

**19.** The number of New York City-based architects that have lost or voluntarily surrendered their self-certification privileges since 2000:

**91**

**20.** The number of safety inspectors currently employed by the Buildings Department, up from 310 in 2005:

**412**