



New York City

Facade Inspection Safety Program



How Walter P Moore Helps With Facade Ordinances

Walter P Moore's Diagnostics Group includes more than 175 engineers and architects with deep expertise in facade evaluation and repair. Our in-house Professional Engineers and Registered Architects are certified QEWIs through the NYC Department of Buildings, enabling us to perform and file FISP reports in full compliance with the NYC Administrative Code and 1 RCNY §103-04. We prepare all required documentation, condition classifications, photographs, damage mapping, and submit reports through DOBNow on behalf of owners.

We perform comprehensive FISP examinations that include visual surveys and hands-on inspections. Our recommendations help owners address unsafe conditions with practical, prioritized repair strategies. To reduce access costs, we deploy in-house SPRAT-certified industrial rope access inspectors who can safely reach

difficult façade areas. In addition to inspection and reporting, Walter P Moore provides repair design, bidding support, and construction observation/administration to help owners complete required corrective work. Our NYC team guides clients through the FISP process while minimizing risk of violations and delays.



FISP Summary: Focus on Facade Safety

The New York City Facade Inspection Safety Program (FISP), formerly Local Law 11, requires owners of buildings greater than six stories to undergo a critical exterior wall examination every five years. A Qualified Exterior Wall Inspector (QEWI), certified by the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB), must perform the examination and classify the building as SAFE, Safe With a Repair and Maintenance Program (SWARMP), or UNSAFE. Reports must be submitted to the DOB through the DOBNow portal, and owners must complete repairs for all SWARMP and UNSAFE conditions within mandated timeframes to avoid significant penalties.

FISP requires a comprehensive visual review of all façades and at least one physical close-up examination for every 60 linear feet of façade along a public right-of-way. Requirements also include hands-on inspection of railings, balcony enclosures, fire escapes, appurtenances, and, during odd-numbered cycles, cavity-wall probes to evaluate wall ties, shelf angles, and waterproofing. Repairs of previously reported UNSAFE and SWARMP conditions must be completed. Failure to adequately repair these conditions triggers an automatic UNSAFE report.



FISP Report Requirements

A FISP report must be prepared and submitted by a NYC DOB-certified QEWI and include all documentation required under the NYC Administrative Code and 1 RCNY §103-04. Each report must contain:

→ Complete building information, including address, occupancy details, ownership data, and the names, credentials, and contact information for the QEWI and any Rigger involved in access or inspection.

→ A detailed description of all façade and enclosure conditions observed since the previous cycle, including distress, cracking, displacement, settlement, material deterioration, prior repairs, and any modifications to the exterior wall system.

→ A description and condition evaluation of all exterior appurtenances, such as balconies, railings, fire escapes, canopies, signage, mechanical equipment, or other elements attached to or projecting from the façade.

→ Classification of each condition as SAFE, Safe With a Repair and Maintenance Program (SWARMP), or UNSAFE, along with the required repair timeline and recommended scope of work.

→ Photographs, damage-mapping elevations, probe documentation (if required), and a location plan identifying access points, close-up examination areas, and public rights-of-way.

This report must be submitted electronically through DOBNow and must fully document compliance with all inspection and repair obligations for the current cycle.

10th Cycle FISP Filing Windows

Subcycle	Last Digit of Block No.	Cycle Start	Filing Deadline
A	4, 5, 6 or 9	2/21/2025	2/21/2027
B	0, 7 or 8	2/21/2026	2/21/2028
C	1, 2 or 3	2/21/2027	2/21/2029

Who We Are

Walter P Moore is an international company of engineers, architects, innovators, and creative people who solve some of the world's most complex structural, technological, and infrastructure challenges. Providing structural, diagnostics, civil, traffic, parking, transportation, enclosure, technology consulting, and construction engineering services, we design solutions that are cost- and resource-efficient, forward-thinking, and help support and shape communities worldwide.



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