

Façade Inspection & Safety Program (FISP)

What is FISP?

NYC's Façade Inspection & Safety Program (FISP) mandates that owners of buildings higher than six stories must have exterior walls and appurtenances inspected every five years and a technical FISP report must be electronically filed with the Department of Buildings through DOB Now: Safety.

These FISP inspections or 'critical examinations' must be conducted under the direction of a Qualified Exterior Wall Inspector (QEWI), and must include a close-up, typically hands-on inspection of at least one streetfacing façade from roof to grade.

Based on the conditions noted during the inspection, the QEWI will assign the following categories:

- SAFE: No repair work is required within the cycle.
- Safe With A Repair And Maintenance Program (SWARMP): Conditions have potential to become unsafe, but do not require immediate attention. Repairs should be performed within the time-frame recommended by the QEWI, but no later than the filing deadline for the subsequent inspection cycle.
- UNSAFE: Conditions represent immediate danger to the public and must be immediately addressed. The Owner must immediately commence repairs or reinforcement, and install a sidewalk shed or other measures to secure public safety.

Current FISP Cycle: 9B & 9C

Buildings with Block Numbers ending in 0, 7, or 9 are required to have their inspections completed and their FISP Sub-cycle 9B reports electronically submitted to the NYC Department of Buildings between February 21, 2021, and February 21, 2023.

Buildings with Block Numbers ending in 1, 2, or 3 are required to have their inspections completed and their FISP Sub-cycle 9B reports electronically submitted to the NYC Department of Buildings between February 21, 2022, and February 21, 2024.

CANY FISP Service

CANY can perform your required NYC FISP Cycle 9 inspection, file the associated documentation, develop and execute a repair program for your outstanding Cycle 8 SWARMP and/or unsafe conditions, and assist with budgeting and phasing of future FISP-related repairs and maintenance for the long-term continuous safety of your building(s)

CANY has employed Industrial Rope Access almost exclusively as a means of performing façade investigations and inspections.

By using rope access to rappel down the sides of buildings, we can achieve quick, hands-on access to structures, avoiding the expensive and time-consuming mobilization of conventional suspended scaffolding.

