



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

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SUBJECT: Protection of
Pedestrians during
Construction or
Demolition of
Buildings.

TO: City/Municipal Engineers/Building Officials
in the Metropolitan Manila Area.

This is to call your attention for the strict implementation of the provisions of the National Building Code regarding the protection of pedestrians during construction or demolition of buildings/structures.

Quoted partly hereunder are certain provisions which from time to time are noticed to be being violated:

"Section 1101... "No person shall perform any work on any building or structure adjacent to a public way in general use for pedestrian travel unless the pedestrians are protected."

"Section 1105(a) When the Building Official authorizes a sidewalk to be fenced or closed..... a temporary walkway of not less than 1.20 meters wide shall be provided."

"Section 1106. Pedestrian traffic shall be protected by a railing on the streetside when the walkway extends into the roadway, by a railing when adjacent to excavation....."

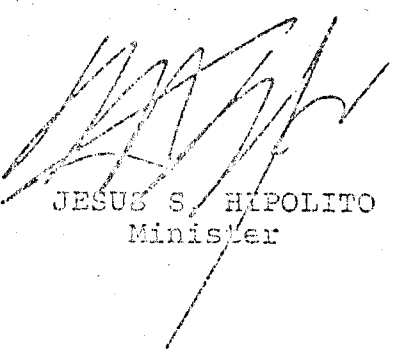
From Rule XV of the Implementing Rules and Regulations the following supplementary provisions relative to the above are also partly quoted:

"Section 2.3.1 When the horizontal distance between the outermost face of the building and the inner edge of the sidewalk is equal to or less than one half the height of the building a canopy shall be required in addition to a fence."

"Section 2.4.1 When the horizontal distance between the outermost face of the building and the outer edge of the sidewalk is less than one-half the height of the building, a protective net extending from the uppermost part of the construction/demolition to ground level shall be required in addition to a fence and canopy."

Attention is also called to Section 1102 and 1104 of the Code where it is provided that materials stored on public property shall not interfere among others with any drainage of any street or alley gutter, and that all public and private utilities above or below ground "shall be protected from any damage....."

It is therefore directed that construction activities shall be regularly monitored and any violation jeopardizing public safety as herein emphasized shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of the building permit unless rectified immediately upon due notice.



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