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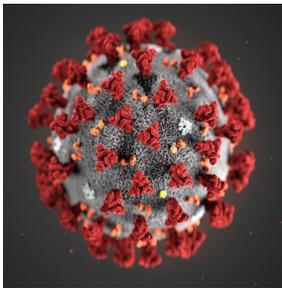
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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Business Continuity Guide for Pandemic Planning



Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention

To assist members through this difficult time a [Business Continuity Planning Guide for Pandemic Event](#) document was recently created. It covers continuity of operations, workforce and workplace issues, recovery planning and more. Thanks goes to Benini Consulting for helping prepare this document.

If you're looking for a [list of resources](#) on COVID-19, we have a dedicated web page that includes health information, downloadable posters and a checklist for buildings.

Stay healthy everyone!



### HR tips and best practices for remote working

Looking for advice on working from home, conducting a remote interview or managing a remote team? BOMA members Hays and Impact Recruitment shared recent HR blogs with us to help employers and job seekers. Visit the new [HR resources page](#) on our website.



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## Fire Prevention Training



Candle use increases during the winter months and is a cause of home fires and home fire deaths. In the USA fire departments respond to an estimated 11,640 homes structure fires that were started by candles which caused 126 deaths, 953 injuries and \$438 million in direct property damage. Keep your occupants educated and safe.

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## REGULATORY NEWS

### New Elevating Devices Code comes into effect April 30

Technical Safety BC's new B44-16 code now requires that maintenance of your unit matches its usage and that critical life safety systems are regularly tested. View the new [Elevating Devices Code here](#).



## EVENTS & EDUCATION



If you are interested in developing your skills while working from home, consider taking BOMA's online [eEnergyTraining course](#).

Originally designed for building operators, building engineers and facility managers, participants develop the skills and knowledge to identify energy reduction opportunities and learn how to develop strategies to encourage stakeholders to save energy.



## EVENT CALENDAR

**16**

Apr 2020

### **BOMA BC AGM**

If you missed the AGM, don't worry. We'll be posting the annual report and financial statements on our website.

**21**

Apr 2020

### **COVID-19: A Tactical Approach to Finance + HR**

This webinar covers best practices for working with a remote team, retention and how to make your company stronger during a difficult time.

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**6**

May 2020

### **QBT Session: How life safety in buildings is being affected by COVID-19**

Ensure nothing is overlooked while operating your building under the current circumstances.

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**21**

May 2020

### **BOMA BC Awards Happy Hour**

Have a chat in a virtual meeting room, listen to a comedian, and of course find out who won an award!

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**20**

Aug 2020

### **BOMA Golf Classic**

Stay tuned for further details!

**27**

Aug 2020

### **BOMA Boat Cruise**

This afternoon harbour cruise may soon become your favorite BOMA event. Our back-up date is August 27 - we hope it will be business as usual by then.

**22**

Sep 2020

### **BOMEX Vancouver**

The Planning Committee is considering various possibilities for the conference. More information to come in May.

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Dec 2020

## BOMA Christmas Luncheon

Set aside 11 a.m. until at least 2 p.m. for BOMA's largest event of the year.



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## NATIONAL NEWS

### BOMA BEST and COVID-19

BOMA Canada is closely monitoring the rapidly evolving public health situation. Their foremost concern is to keep the entire community safe. With this in mind, and in response to the volume of inquiries they have received, they have put in place the following policies.

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## GOOD TO KNOW

### Reduce the risk of outside fires

Outside fires are up 17% from this time last year, and can spread to the inside of buildings. Vancouver Fire Rescue Services provides these important reminders:

- Remove excessive debris.
- Keep garbage and recycling bins inside.
- Place bins outside as briefly as possible.



## Donate essential supplies to help with COVID-19



ISTOCK.COM/MOTORTION

BC has a dedicated online platform that provides a single point of entry to prioritize the thousands of offers and donations for essential supplies from businesses. The initial focus of the COVID-19 Supply Hub is to source supplies for the health care system and front-line workers, although BC Government is also accepting offers for other essentials, like cleaning supplies.

If you are able to offer support or supplies visit the [COVID-19 Supply Hub](#) to submit your offer.



## FortisBC and BC Hydro relief programs

Follow links below for details:

[FortisBC Customer Recovery Fund](#)

[BC Hydro Relief Fund for small businesses and Customer Assistance Program for large businesses](#)



## Elevator tips during COVID-19

*Source: KONE Inc.*

It can be tempting during these unprecedented times to switch off your elevators, escalators or autowalks, believing it to be the right thing to do during this pandemic. Quick pause, please! In cases where the building is totally shut down, this may be unavoidable. Wherever possible, it is advised to not shutdown vertical transportation.



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## BOMA BEST user guides

With the assistance of BOMA BC, BOMA Canada has released three BOMA BEST user guides. Each guide is designed to help walk you through the BOMA BEST Sustainable Buildings certification program with helpful tips and tricks. The guides are based on your role in the BOMA BEST process: building

manager in the [Single Stream](#), building manager in the [Portfolio Stream](#) or [Portfolio Manager in the Portfolio Stream](#).



## Water stagnation risks

Vancouver Coastal Health has posted an [advisory about stagnant water](#) in under- and unoccupied facilities.



## Updates for Key Account Customers from BC Hydro

BC Hydro provided the following list of updates ranging from planned outages to voltage conversions, and custom project submissions.

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## Improve your Building's Energy Performance



Would it be helpful to see your building's energy usage at a glance? At little or no cost to you, Trane can provide a snapshot and analysis of your building's energy profile, and outline action plans and recommendations for improvement. With just one year of energy data, Trane professionals will provide you with insights into cost savings and sustainability. Why? Because if you can see a problem, you can change it.

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## AROUND THE INDUSTRY

### 5 tips for handling commercial leases and contracts during COVID-19 and beyond

*Source: BC Business*

Many commercial tenants are looking for ways to pay rent in a time when business is slow. Here's how to deal with leases and contracts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## How commercial property owners can use tech to become recession-resilient

Source: *Forbes*

Much of a building's success hinges on the tenant's experience. In times of recession, their basic needs must be met. Building operations technology can help you achieve that.

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## Greater Vancouver commercial real estate sales drop by 32.8% in 2019

Source: *CBC News*

Commercial real estate activity was down significantly last year due to slower economic activity, according to the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver. Meanwhile, the board says it's too early to predict how the COVID-19 pandemic will impact commercial real estate this year.

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## City of Surrey green lights infrastructure projects, building permits to create jobs

Source: *URBANIZED/Daily Hive*

Surrey city council has approved several large infrastructure projects for the area that will create around 140 new jobs.

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## Vancouver to allow virtual public involvement in council meetings and public hearings

Source: *URBANIZED/Daily Hive*

Members of the public will still be able to take part in city council meetings and public hearings despite strict social distancing measures in place, thanks to a few new online tools.

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