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BOMA eEnergy Training program has new content and customization



The BOMA e-Energy Online Training program has a new look this fall. With refreshed content, customized module selection and the ability to access the course from your tablet or phone, BOMA e-Energy just got easier to use and more cost effective. This program has been shown to improve operators' ability to identify and implement energy measures by over 25%.

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Tech tips for returning to the physical workspace

While offices aren't back to normal occupancy, many BOMA BC members are working hard to ensure their spaces are safe and welcoming places to return to work. Technology is playing an important role in getting buildings in the best shape possible. Here are a few tech tips from members about what's working for them.

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[See who is running](#) within your electoral district and make sure you vote!



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Invitation to Building Benchmark BC



Property managers across BC are joining Building Benchmark BC to seek insights about their buildings' energy performance relative to their peers, help identify possible retrofit options and demonstrate their energy leadership.

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EVENT CALENDAR

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New B44 Elevating Code

Find out from Technical Safety BC what the new code means for building owners.

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TNP: Virtual meetings that engage

Build participation and generate engagement in an online environment. Presented by Dale Carnegie.

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Victoria Chapter: COVID-19: How the commercial real estate segment responded and adapted

Find out how BCI adapted and how the broader Victoria market has responded to COVID-19.

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BC Hydro upgrade session

Hear about their voltage conversion projects underway in downtown Vancouver, lessons learned and the plan going forward.

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QBT Session on HVAC

Details to come.

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Microsoft Teams training

Find out how to get the most out of Microsoft Teams, and view a live demo. More details to come.

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BOMA Virtual Christmas event

A unique, memorable and fun virtual networking event is being planned. Keep the date open!



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GOOD TO KNOW

Encourage employees to return to the office by promoting safe usage of building amenities

Source: Tangible Interaction

With headquarters largely empty amid the pandemic, companies are having to come up with creative ways to attract employees back to the office, where there are far more opportunities for collaboration and engagement in ways they often can't at home. Owners and managers are more than eager to help and bring up their occupancy levels. Focus on health and safety is a must, but what can landlords offer that employees cannot get working from home?

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Roof safety - openings and guards

Source: Tremco

Did you know that when accessing a roof via a hatch and it is left open, the hatch itself is considered a fall hazard? OSHA standard 26 CFR 1910.23 states that, "every ladder-way, floor opening, or platform shall be guarded by a standard railing with standard toe-board on all exposed sides (except at the entrance to an opening), with the passage through the railing either provided with a swinging gate or so offset that a person cannot walk directly into an opening."

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Improve your Building's Energy Performance



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AROUND THE INDUSTRY

Commercial real estate sales in Metro Vancouver dropped in spring: statistics

Source: Daily Hive/Urbanized

New statistics from the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver show how COVID-19 impacted the market in the second quarter of 2020.

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COVID frees up office space in notoriously tight downtown Vancouver market

Source: Vancouver Sun

As COVID-19 changes the way people work, downtown Vancouver is seeing an increasing amount of office vacancies.

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Vancouver City Council approves study on eliminating minimum parking standards

Source: Daily Hive/Urbanized

City staff will look at the impacts of eliminating city-mandated parking minimums for future buildings.

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BC Place to see new 17-storey office tower and entertainment pavilion

Source: Vancouver is Awesome

Vancouver city council unanimously approved rezoning to make way for the redevelopment of 720 Beatty St. and 701 Expo Blvd.

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Top-6 ways the workplace is changing post-COVID-19: Part II

Source: RENX

"It will likely be over a year from the time most companies shifted to remote working, before a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available in Canada. By then, the positive and negative aspects of working from both the office and home will have been well tested."

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Downtown Chilliwack development has eight new businesses poised to open

Source: The Chilliwack Progress

Algra Bros. Development's District 1881 project will see restaurants, breweries, services and retail shops open in the near future.

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For B.C. commercial real estate, COVID-19 creates winners and losers

Source: BC Business

While the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc on the commercial real estate market, industrial properties fared better than retail according to a new report from Avison Young.

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