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Contractors at Mount Vernon project fined \$20K

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Four contractors working at an affordable housing site in Mount Vernon face \$20,726 in fines for safety violations.

Inspectors from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration assessed the biggest fine of \$14,000 to Standard Waterproofing of the Bronx for three violations related to ladders and training at the La Porte building at 203 Gramatan Ave.

According to OSHA's website, inspectors visited the construction site Sept. 8 and found that two of Standard Waterproofing's violations were repeat offenses.

While there inspectors also issued violations to GTM Floor Corp. of Queens for two violations related to woodworking tools and general requirements. GTM faces a fine of \$4,000.

To Better Days Construction of New York City faces a fine of \$1,604 for one violation related to first aid and Quality Stone Fabrications of Long Island City faces a fine of \$1,122 for one violation related to first aid.

The cases for all four companies are still open and the violations and fines could change, according to OSHA's website.

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The La Porte building at 203 Gramatan Ave. is a \$60 million workforce complex with 159 units ranging from studios to two-bedroom rental apartments.

Amenities at the 14-story building include a gym, community room, 36-seat media center and a 4,000-square-foot rooftop terrace offering sweeping views of southern Westchester County, the Long Island Sound and the Manhattan skyline.

La Porte is considered affordable housing because there are income limits for prospective tenants. There are 96 one-bedroom apartments renting for \$1,192 a month and the qualifying annual income ranges from \$41,589 to \$45,300 for a single person or \$41,589 to \$51,780 for a couple.

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