

90pc schools in NY violate bldg code: report

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NINETY per cent of school buildings in New York violate building code, some on several counts, says an exclusive report in 'Daily News' published from the city.

There are nearly 1,200 public school buildings and those structures tallied up 9,693 open building and environmental violations. These can include loose wires, stuck doors and inadequate ventilation, says the report by journalist Ben Chapman.

One school, Intermediate School 195 building in Harlem locality had 124 open violations, the highest count of any school building, but 57 schools in total had more than two dozen each.

In March 2012, Principal Rashaunda Shaw of IS 195 in Harlem had complained of a 'problem with rodent and insect infestation' in the school.

Education officials fail

to make the grade when it comes to keeping public schools free of building code violations and environmental problems, according to city data quoted in the report.

More than 90 per cent of city schools have at least one outstanding building code violation, an analysis of school inspection records by the school cleaners union shows.

Loose wires, stuck doors and inadequate ventilation are just some of the problems at 1,100 school buildings with at least one open violation as of May 23.

Service Employees International Union Local 32BJ president Hector Figueroa said conditions in many of the school buildings could be harmful to students and staffers.

'At the least, these violations are a distraction and a source of discomfort,' said Figueroa. 'And in many cases, they could actually present a health hazard.'