

# Department-Approved Course Requirements: 16-Hour Suspended Scaffold User

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Course Required for: Worker Training

Purpose: This course is a requirement for an individual to use or work on a Suspended

Scaffold in New York City.

**Duration:** 16 Hours of instructional time, excluding breaks and meals

A single session may not exceed 9 1/2 hours, including breaks and meals. If two or more sessions are delivered the same day to the same student roster, a break

must be scheduled between the sessions.

Class Size: 1 – 50 Trainees

NYC Requirement: Per 2022 NYC Building Code §3314.4.5.4 Training for suspended scaffold installers, adjusters, repairers, maintainers, users, or removers.

Individuals who install, adjust, repair, maintain, use, or remove a suspended scaffold shall, at a minimum, have completed a Department-Approved training program or course that is at least 16 hours long and, four years following completion of the 16-hour program or course, and every four years thereafter, complete a Department-Approved 8-hour refresher program or course.

NOTE: In addition to completing this training course, individuals who use a Suspended Scaffold may also need to possess a Certificate of Fitness from a licensed rigger or sign hanger.

### **Delivery Requirements:** This course contains:

- Demonstration(s): shows how something is done while emphasizing its merits. The demonstration may be delivered either by a person or a video.
   Video Demonstrations may be delivered by a virtual live classroom; however, on-demand self-study modules are not permissible.
- Classroom Lecture/Discussion w A/V (Audio-Visual): oral presentation by an instructor to present information or teach students about a particular subject. The instruction may be delivered by a virtual live classroom; however, on-demand self-study modules are not permissible.
- **Hands-On:** the instruction must be delivered onsite and in person. The students must physically handle the items. The procedure being instructed must be demonstrated and explained to the students first.
- Handouts
- In-class Written Assessment

### This course may be delivered:

- **In-Person:** gathers participants in the same physical location at the same time. Provides face-to-face interaction with the opportunity for participants to share and discuss what they are learning. Allows Hands-On practical exercises.
- Hybrid: a combination of In-Person and Virtual Live sessions. Virtual Live sessions are a shared online space where learners and trainers work together simultaneously. Usually, these interactions take place through a videoconferencing platform (ex. Zoom, Microsoft Teams)..Lectures/ Demonstrations may be delivered in a Virtual Live Classroom; however, the Hands-On portions must be delivered In-Person.

### This course may NOT be delivered:

- Virtual Live only: a shared online space where learners and trainers work together simultaneously. Usually, these interactions take place through a videoconferencing platform (ex. Zoom, Microsoft Teams).
- On-Demand: self-paced and can be taken anytime and anywhere from a
  device with internet access. No live instructor needed. On-Demand is only
  acceptable for courses that are SST only.

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### Delivery Requirements: (cont'd)

### Hybrid Training must comply with the following:

- The course must be approved by the Department.
- The provider must confirm the identification of the individual taking Virtual Live training by adhering to the actively proctored online format requirements:
  - The provider must confirm the identification of the individual prior to providing secure access to the online training.
  - The individual must attest that they are the individual who received the online access and will complete the training without assistance. The online program must have secure access and monitor participation during the course of training to ensure that the individual receiving the training is present for the entirety of the training.
- The provider must ensure that participants have their web-cameras activated and are on-camera for the duration of class.
- For courses that include Hands-On training, providers may deliver the Hands-On portion of the training in-person and the remaining portion through either a live virtual classroom or live webinar.
- The provider must notify the Department when the Hands-On portion of the course/class is scheduled.
- All students must be scheduled at the same time to receive the Hands-On training.

### **Facility Requirements:**

### Per 1 RCNY §105-03 (d) (4) Course Facilities:

### The course facilities must:

- Have sufficient room to accommodate all expected attendees and the equipment needed to perform Hands-On exercises, where required as part of the course.
- Make provisions for the presentation of training material in all media types (computer, projector, video/ DVD player, etc.) and
- Comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations relating to occupancy, zoning, egress, fire detection, fire suppression, light, ventilation, cleanliness, sanitary facilities, emergency notification, and evacuation procedures.

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### Instructor Requirements: | |

### Per 1 RCNY §105-03 (e) Course Instructors:

### Course providers must require that course instructor(s):

- Demonstrate that they are credentialed or trained in instructional methods and learning processes.
- Successfully demonstrate their ability to solve or resolve problems relating
  to the subject matter by possession of a recognized degree, certificate,
  licensure, or professional standing, or by extensive knowledge, training,
  and experience in the subject matter being taught.
- To the extent that the course instructor(s) holds, or has held, a trade license issued by the Department, it must be in good standing and not be surrendered to, suspended by, or revoked by the Department.
- Be authorized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as a trainer(s) for its Construction and Outreach Program.
- Comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations,
- Be in compliance with the Department's Industry Code of Conduct.

### **Course Requirements:**

Each section of the Course Content Requirements must be covered using its designated Instructional Delivery Method. The time dedicated to each outline topic should be appropriate for the course content and can vary depending on the trade or job performed by the licensee.

The Instructional Materials used in this course must contain all current applicable NYC Construction Code references, current rules, policies, and bulletins.

All statistics referenced should reflect the latest publicly available statistics. The selection of Case Studies should prioritize incidents in NYC since the prior renewal period and contain relevant and illustrative photos where available.

Refresher or Renewal Courses should focus on the updates since the prior renewal period.



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### **Course Content Requirements**

1. Introduction to Suspended Scaffolds

Types

Major Components

2. Suspended Scaffold Incidents

• Common Causes & Prevention

Incident Statistics

Case Studies with Photos

OSHA 1926 Overview - Safety & Health Regulations for Construction

 Subpart E - Personal Protective Equipment & Life-Saving Equipment (PPE)

• Subpart L - Scaffolds

• Subpart M - Fall Protection

• Subpart X – Stairways & Ladders

4. NYC Construction Codes Overview - all applicable:

Codes

Rules

· Department-related policy statements

· Regulatory notices,

· Bulletins & Memos including:

o Title 1 Rules of the City of New York:

 104-20 Supervisory Responsibilities of a licensed Rigger

 104-21 Supervisory Responsibilities of a licensed Sign Hanger

- 104-22 Other obligations

 All NYC Building Codes with emphasis on the scaffold Sections (3314) in Chapter 33 Safeguards during Construction & Demolition

5. NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) Overview - navigate DOB's website to cover all applicable

Administrative standard operating procedures

Policy & Procedure Notices

Permits/Department Notifications

Forms

Filing and site documents

Plans

Inspection checklists/logs; and

• Wind & Weather Advisories

6. General Principles of Fall Protection

Fall Clearance

Total Fall Distance Calculations

· Minimizing Fall Forces,

• Guarding Against Falling Objects & Tool Tethering

7. Personal Protective Equipment & Fall Arrest Systems

Selection
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Inspection Procedures

Care of Equipment & Systems

**Instruction Delivery Method** 

Classroom Lecture/Discussion w A/V

Hands-On

Hands-On Demonstration



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### **Course Content Requirements**

8. Suspended Scaffold Use

Safe Use and Tethering of Tools
 Demonstration

Safety Hazards, including Fire Hazards
 Classroom Lecture/Discussion w/AV

Set-Up/Start-Up Procedures
 Hands-On

• Attach to structurally sound objects with:

C-Hook
 Outrigger System,
 Pennant &
 Parapet Clamp
 Hands-On
 Hands-On
 Hands-On

Safety Hazard Power Lines
 Classroom Lecture/Discussion w/AV

Safe Loading of the Platform
 Raising and lowering the scaffold
 Shut down and securing the scaffold
 Hands-On
 Hands-On

9. Hoist, Platform & Rigging Equipment Practices Classroom Lecture/Discussion w/AV

· Electrical Cables

• Modular & Corner Scaffold

· Special and Unusual Rigging Conditions

10. Maximum Intended Loads & Capacity Reducing Factors Classroom Lecture/Discussion w AV

11. Rope, Knot & Hitch Configurations & Connections Hands-On

• Various Applications & Connection Techniques using:

- Ropes, knots & hitches- night, clove, rolling, timber hitch

- Bowline

Sheet bend

- Square knot

- Additional knots, bends, and hitches

12. Wire Rope & Termination Techniques Demonstration

· Fist Grip

13. Basic Rope, Hoist, Block & Tackle, and Rigging Set-Ups & Hands-On

Procedures .

14. Lifelines, Rope & Cable Grabs Hands-On

• Chaffing Gear for Lifelines & Cables

15. Electric Motors, Controls & Cables Hands-On

• Service Report for the Motors

• Pendant/Remote Control

16. Suspended Scaffold Inspections: Equipment & Rigging Hardware Hands-On

17. Rejection Criteria for Equipment & Rigging Hardware Demonstration

18. Safety Checklists: Pre-Start, Scaffold Operation & Shut Down Demonstration

19. Emergency Situations & Preparedness Procedures Classroom Lecture/Discussion w AV

20. Handouts Provide Copy to Trainee & Discuss

• NYC Buildings Unsafe Condition (311) Notification Procedure

NYC/DOI Buildings Integrity Training Contact Information Sheet

21. Review of all Training Topics Discussion with Questions & Answers

22. Written (Multiple Choice) Assessment23. Hands-On Performance AssessmentOn Scaffold

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