

UPCOMING CHANGE

2014 NYC Construction Codes: Supervision of Suspended Scaffold Use

Beginning December 31, 2014, new requirements will be in effect for supervising the use of suspended scaffolds. Please see 2014 NYC Building Code §3314.4 for more information.

Type of Work	Requirement
New Building Construction ¹	Meet one of the following: 1. Be supervised by a licensed rigger or a designated rigging foreman employed by the licensee. Individuals using the scaffold must be employed by the licensee. ² The supervisor must have completed suspended scaffold supervisor training (32 hours/8 hour refresher), and the individuals using the scaffold must have completed suspended scaffold user training (16 hour/8 hour refresher). ^{3 4} The individuals using the scaffold must also possess a certificate of fitness issued by the licensed rigger.
Full Demolition of a Building ¹	
Vertical or Horizontal Enlargement ¹	
Façade Alteration, Maintenance or Repair Requiring a Site Safety Plan ¹	2. Be supervised by a competent person ⁵ designated by the contractor responsible for the site. The supervisor must have completed suspended scaffold supervisor training (32 hours/8 hour refresher), and the individuals using the scaffold must have completed suspended scaffold user training (16 hour/8 hour refresher). ^{3 4} A certificate of fitness is not required.
Sign Hanging ⁶	Be supervised by a licensed rigger, licensed sign hanger or a designated rigging or sign hanging foreman employed by the licensee. Scaffold users must be employed by the licensee rigger ^{2 7} or the licensed sign hanger. ² The supervisor must have completed suspended scaffold supervisor training (32 hours/8 hour refresher course), and the individuals using the scaffold must have completed suspended scaffold user training (16 hour/8 hour refresher). ^{3 4} Individuals using the scaffold must also have a certificate of fitness issued by the licensed rigger or sign hanger.
All Other Work	Be supervised by a licensed rigger or a designated rigging foreman employed by the licensee. Individuals using the scaffold must be employed by the licensee. ^{2 7} The supervisor must have completed suspended scaffold supervisor training (32 hours/8 hour refresher), and the individuals using the scaffold must have completed suspended scaffold user training (16 hour/8 hour refresher). ^{3 4} The individuals using the scaffold must also possess a certificate of fitness issued by the licensed rigger.

¹ Except for sign hanging. Please follow the specific requirements for sign hanging outlined in the table.

² An NYS licensed professional engineer or NYS registered architect does not have to be employed by the licensee provided the engineer/architect uses the scaffold only to perform inspections, does not operate the scaffold and is familiar with the scaffold and is familiar with the scaffold's safety equipment and emergency procedures.

³ Training is not required for the supervision or use of a non-adjustable suspended scaffold.

⁴ Training is not required for an NYS licensed professional engineer or an NYS registered architect provided the engineer/architect uses the scaffold only to perform inspections, does not operate the scaffold and is familiar with the scaffold's safety equipment and emergency procedures.

⁵ The competent person may be a licensed rigger, or a designated rigging foreman employed by the licensee. Under such a scenario, the licensed rigger or designated rigging foreman may supervise individuals employed by the contractor using the scaffold. Department approval of a "Specialty Crew" will no longer be required under such a scenario.

⁶ A licensed rigger or a licensed sign hanger, or a designated rigging or sign hanging foreman employed by the licensee, may supervise the use of a suspended scaffold utilized for sign hanging work; however, for sign work requiring a licensed sign hanger, only a licensed sign hanger or designated sign hanging foreman employed by a licensed sign hanger shall supervise the hanging or attaching of the sign.

⁷ The individuals using the scaffold do not have to be employed by the licensed rigger provided the crew is a "Specialty Crew" approved by the Department.