

UPCOMING CHANGE

2014 NYC Construction Codes: Supervision of Suspended Scaffold Installation + Removal

Beginning December 31, 2014, new supervision requirements will be in effect for the installation or removal of suspended scaffolds. See 2014 NYC Building Code § 3314.4 for more information.

2014 Codes Definition of “Installation”

- The initial assembly, set-up, or placement of a scaffold at a site; *and*
- The addition, relocation, or removal of any part, component, or attachment to a scaffold at a site, including but not limited to counterweights, tie-backs, anchorages, or connections to the building or structure, that occurs subsequent to the initial installation, and which does not otherwise occur in an automated, automatic fashion, as part of the normal use of the scaffold.

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 installing or removing the scaffold must be employed by the licensee. The supervisor must have completed the suspended scaffold supervisor training (32 hours/8 hour refresher), and the individuals installing or removing the scaffold must have completed suspended scaffold user training (16 hours/8 hour refresher). ² 2. Be supervised by a competent person ³ designated by permit holder for the scaffold or, where there is no permit holder, the contractor responsible for the site. The supervisor must have completed the suspended scaffold supervisor training (32 hours/8 hour refresher), and the individuals installing or removing the scaffold must have completed suspended scaffold user training (16 hours/8 hour refresher). ²
Full Demolition of a Building ¹	
Vertical or Horizontal Enlargement ¹	
Façade Alteration, Maintenance, or Repair Project that Requires a Site Safety Plan ¹	
Sign Hanging ⁴	Be supervised by a licensed rigger or licensed sign hanger, or a designated rigging or sign hanging foreman employed by the licensee. Individuals installing or removing the scaffold must be employed by the licensee. The supervisor must have completed the suspended scaffold supervisor training (32 hours/8 hour refresher), and the individuals installing or removing the scaffold must have completed suspended scaffold user training (16 hours/8 hour refresher). ²
All Other Work	Be supervised by a licensed rigger or a designated rigging foreman employed by the licensee. Individuals installing or removing the scaffold must be employed by the licensee. The supervisor must have completed the suspended scaffold supervisor training (32 hours/8 hour refresher), and the individuals installing or removing the scaffold must have completed suspended scaffold user training (16 hours/8 hour refresher). ²

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

² Training is not required for the supervision or installation of a non-adjustable suspended scaffold.

³ 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 installing the scaffold.

⁴ 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.