

UPCOMING CHANGE

2014 NYC Construction Codes: Pre-Shift Inspections for Suspended Scaffolds

Beginning December 31, 2014, the following new requirements will be in effect for suspended scaffold pre-shift inspections. Please see 2014 NYC Building Code §3314.4 for more information.

1. **The following types of suspended scaffolds are subject to a pre-shift inspection:**
 - Adjustable suspended scaffolds (including all types of adjustable suspended scaffolds, such as c-hooks, two-point, and multi-point); and
 - Non-adjustable suspended scaffolds (such as “dance floors”) with a platform area that is greater than 40 square feet.
2. **The pre-shift inspection shall be conducted by the on-site supervisor of the suspended scaffold.** See the [Suspended Scaffold Supervision service notice](#) for more information on who is authorized to supervise the use of a suspended scaffold.
3. **The pre-shift inspection shall be performed in accordance with a checklist.**
 - The checklist shall be developed by:
 - The licensed rigger (or licensed sign hanger where the scaffold is used exclusively for sign hanging operations) who designed or installed the suspended scaffold; or
 - Where a licensed rigger (or sign hanger) did not design or install the suspended scaffold, the checklist shall be developed by the NYS licensed professional engineer or NYS registered architect who designed the scaffold.
 - The checklist shall, at a minimum, must:
 - Be based on the manufacturer requirements for the suspended scaffold (where such requirements exist);
 - Include checks to be performed prior to each shift to verify that the suspended scaffold (including all parts, components, and attachments, such as counterweights, tie-backs, anchorages, or connections to the building or structure) remains in a safe condition for use; and
 - Include a comprehensive set of checks to be performed following high wind events to verify that the suspended scaffold remains in a safe condition for use.
 - The checklist shall be left at the site by the licensed rigger (or licensed sign hanger), or engineer/architect following the installation of the suspended scaffold.
 - The checklist shall be kept at the site, and made available for inspection by the department, by the contractor responsible for the site.
4. **The results of each pre-shift inspection shall be documented in a pre-shift inspection report.** The report shall be: signed and dated by the on-site supervisor of the suspended scaffold; kept at the site; and the responsible contractor must make it available for inspection by the Department.
5. **Signed and completed copies of the pre-shift checklist may serve as the pre-shift inspection report.**
6. **The suspended scaffold shall *not* be placed into use for that shift until it has passed the pre-shift inspection and the pre-shift inspection report has been signed and completed.**