

# Policy Toolbox Talk:

## Specific Supported Scaffold Type - Requirements

### Introduction:

Each Contractor working on a Turner project will comply with 29 CFR 1926, Construction Industry Regulations, Subpart L – Scaffolds, in addition to the following guidelines:

### Responsibilities:

#### Turner:

- Enforce Turner's Ladders Last Policy.
- Turner is responsible for ensuring that all supported scaffolds 40ft or taller, any other supported scaffold issued a permit & drawings, and all suspended scaffolds have a design drawing and DOB permit readily available prior to erection
- Verify that all personnel have proper and up to date training with credentials readily available upon request per NYC Building Code requirements at all times.
- When scaffold is on top of sidewalk shed or other temporary structure, you need a loads imposed letter from design professional that shows that the design professional reviewed the effects of these loads on sidewalk shed.
- Verify that required pre-shift, pre/post wind event, and periodic inspections are being conducted regularly by the appropriate parties in accordance with NYC Building Code (see references)
- Schedule periodic third party inspections as required quarterly and annually.

#### Trade Partner Foreman:

- Adhere to Turner's Ladders Last Policy. Use alternative means of performing elevated work, preferably means such as scaffolds or scissor lifts before considering ladders whenever possible.
- Erect and inspect scaffold in accordance with NYC Building Code (see references) and/or any applicable design drawings.
- Supported Scaffold pre-shift inspection criteria is to be completed by a competent person
- Have all required permits and that all personnel have proper and up to date training per NYC Building Code requirements at all times. All permits and training credentials are to be ready available if requested.
- No pump jack scaffold use unless approved by Turner BUEHSD
- Ensure all four guardrails are on mobile scaffolds. Guardrails are to be in place at all heights.
- Ensure all material on scaffolds is secure.

#### References:

[EHS Manual](#) pp. 131-135

[Turner Ladders Last Policy](#) pp. 143-145

[NYC BC 3314.8 Scaffold Guardrail System and Debris Netting Requirements](#)

[NYC BC 3314.4.3 Scaffold Inspections](#)

[NYC BC 3314.9 Supported Scaffold Requirements](#)

### Basics:

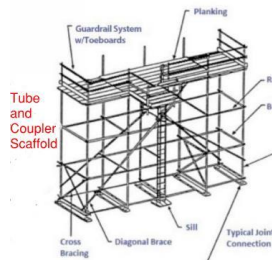
#### Mobile Scaffolds

- **Do not ride the scaffold and remove tools while moving baker.**
- Wheels **must be locked** when in use.
- **Mobile Scaffolds require guardrails at any height.**
- Mobile scaffolds must be braced by cross, horizontal or diagonal braces based on manufacturer's requirements to prevent racking during movement.
- Caster and wheel stems must be pinned to the scaffold legs or adjustment screws.
- The height to base width ratio on a mobile scaffold cannot exceed 2:1 unless it is braced with outrigger frames.
- When a ladder is being used to approach a platform, it must be secured to the scaffold.



#### Tube and Coupler Scaffolds

- Tube and coupler scaffolds, 40' or higher, must be permitted and designed by a registered design professional, since they are considered a supported scaffold.



#### Fabricated Frame Scaffolds

- Frames and panels must be braced by cross, horizontal or diagonal braces.
- Frames and panels must be joined together vertically by stacking pins or equivalent couplings.
- Frame scaffolds, 40' or higher, must be permitted and designed by a registered design professional, since they are considered a supported scaffold.



#### Pump Jack Scaffolds

- **Cannot be used on Turner projects unless approved by the BUEHSD.**

