



# NEW EDITION: CSA Z797- CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ACCESS SCAFFOLD

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Each year, over 100 serious injuries occur due to falls from scaffolds, the collapse of scaffolds, materials falling off scaffolds, and scaffold-handling incidents. The temporary nature of work activities involving scaffolds and the changing environmental and supporting ground conditions are the primary causes of these incidents.

Now in its second edition, CSA Z797 - Code of Practice for Access Scaffold serves as a companion document to CSA S269.2, the scaffold design and engineering standard. It addresses the selection, erection, use, inspection, and maintenance of access scaffolds and scaffold systems – and is a useful tool for approved working-at-heights safety programs.

CSA Z797 is designed for organizations of all sizes, in all occupational sectors, and across all regions of Canada. While the Code's primary focus is on access scaffolds used for construction purposes, CSA Z797 also deals with scaffolds used for building/structure maintenance and inspection, as well as for many other purposes (e.g., temporary observation platforms, event staging, maintenance of large vessels, temporary access to collapsed structures, etc.).

## Highlights:

- Updated to reflect the latest research on scaffold configurations, assembly methods, work practices, inspection methods and component replacement
- Aligned criteria with the new edition of CSA S269.2, the scaffold design and engineering standard
- Added requirements for effective training of scaffold users and inspectors
- New and modified requirements for assessing base soil conditions, power line precautions, and guardrails
- Improved guidance for moving assembled scaffold systems
- Updated provisions for fall protection (as per CSA Z259.17) and many new and revised figures and safety pictograms.

## Related Products:

- CSA B354 series of standards on Powered Work Platforms
- CSA S269.2-16, *Access Scaffolding for Construction Purposes*
- CSA Z11-18, *Portable Ladders*
- CSA Z91-17, *Health and safety Code for Suspended Equipment Operations*
- CSA Z259 series of standards on Fall Protection
- CSA Z271-10, *Safety Code for Suspended Platforms*
- CSA Z1010-18, *Management of Work in Extreme Conditions*

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