

braces, irons or ropes of any swinging or stationary scaffolding used in the painting, cleaning or pointing of any building within the limits of such city or town are unsafe or liable to prove dangerous to the life or limb of any person, to detail a competent police officer to examine, and, if necessary, test the same; immediately after making such examination or test he shall attach thereto a certificate stating that he has made such examination or test and that he has found such slings, hangers, irons or ropes, or any of them, safe or unsafe, as the case may be; if he declares unsafe the whole or any portion of such swinging or stationary scaffolding, he shall at once, in writing, notify the person or persons responsible for the same of the fact, and warn them against using or suffering or permitting any person or persons to use them, and such notice may be served upon the person or persons responsible, or by conspicuously affixing it to the condemned or defective article; after such notice is served or affixed, it shall be the duty of the responsible person or persons to remove or cause to be removed the scaffolding, or that part of it which has been condemned, or to alter and strengthen it in such manner as to render it safe, in the discretion of the officer who has tested or examined it or his superiors.

1894, ch. 158, sec. 3.

79. All swinging and stationary scaffolding shall be so constructed as to bear three times the maximum weight required to be dependent from or placed thereon when in use, and not more than one man shall be allowed on a given scaffold to each tackle and each man shall be provided with a life line sufficiently strong to bear twice his weight, secured independently of the other scaffolding.

Ibid. sec. 4.

80. Any officer detailed to examine or test any scaffolding or portion thereof as required by sections 77 and 78 shall have free and unobstructed access at all reasonable hours to any building or premises containing them or where they may be in use.

Ibid. sec. 5.

81. Any person who violates or omits to comply with any of the four preceding sections or who suffers or permits the use of any article or scaffolding declared by a proper officer to be defective, or who destroys or defaces any notice posted in accordance with any of the said provisions, or who hinders