

Framing inspection checklist

Framing is the last honest look at the structure. Once rock goes on, every connector, every notch and every missing block becomes an argument instead of a photograph. This walk is organised so the concealed conditions are captured before close-in.

Who runs it: Framing foreman, then the GC superintendent before the pre-drywall inspection is requested. When: After MEP rough-in and before insulation and drywall, so notching and drilling done by other trades is visible in the same walk.

Layout and structure

- ☐ Walls plumb, straight and on layout
Check with a level and a string line; note any bow that will telegraph through finish. 2 photos required
- ☐ Bearing points stacked and supported to foundation
Point loads carried down continuously; no bearing landing on unsupported floor sheathing. 2 photos required
- ☐ Headers, beams and posts sized and installed as drawn
Member size and ply count match the plan; full bearing at each end. 2 photos required
- ☐ Engineered members installed per the manufacturer's detail
Web stiffeners, hangers and hole locations follow the printed detail, not field judgment. 2 photos required

Connections and fastening

- ☐ Every connector fully nailed with the specified fastener
All holes filled, correct nail type and length, no roofing nails substituted. 3 photos required
- ☐ Hold-downs and anchor bolts installed and tightened
Correct spacing and embedment, washers present, nuts snug. 2 photos required
- ☐ Sheathing nailing pattern correct at edges and field
Edge spacing on shear walls, no overdriven nails breaking the face of the panel. 2 photos required

Penetrations and modifications

- ☐ Notching and boring within allowable limits
Walk the runs the plumber and electrician cut; anything oversized gets repaired and re-photographed. 3 photos required
- ☐ Nail plates installed where lines are close to the face
Protection at every bored stud within striking distance of a screw. 2 photos required
- ☐ Fire blocking and draft stopping in place
Concealed vertical and horizontal spaces blocked at the required intervals, including soffits and chases. 2 photos required

Blocking for what comes later

- ☐ Backing installed for cabinets, counters and casework
Continuous blocking at the correct height for every upper run and support bracket. 2 photos required
- ☐ Backing for grab bars, handrails and wall-hung fixtures
Every accessible location and every wall-hung item, including ones not yet in the field. 2 photos required
- ☐ Backing for mounted equipment and displays
Confirm the location against the furniture or equipment plan before the wall closes. 1 photo required