

# Framing pre-cover inspection checklist

A framing pre-cover inspection is the hold point before concealed work disappears behind the next layer. This checklist is built for that walk: verify, photograph, then release the cover, not the other way around. Work is commonly verified against the applicable building code, engineered drawings. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent with the framing foreman, releasing walls and floors for sheathing or drywall. When: After the erection walk passes, the day before sheathing is nailed on or drywall is scheduled on each area.

## Blocking and bracing

- ☐ **Fire blocking and draft stopping installed at required locations**  
Blocking continuous at floor lines, soffits and concealed spaces per the code requirement for that assembly. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Permanent bracing in place before temporary bracing is removed**  
Sheathing, let-in bracing or strapping installed and confirmed before any temporary brace is pulled. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Drywall nailers in place at inside corners and ceiling edges**  
Backing or nailers at every inside corner and where ceilings meet walls, so the board has something to fasten to. 1 photo required

## MEP coordination conflicts

- ☐ **No structural members over-cut or notched by other trades**  
Holes and notches in studs and joists within the allowable size and location, no cuts through a hold-down post. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Backing added for fixtures does not conflict with structural connectors**  
Blocking for grab bars, cabinets or equipment does not interfere with a hold-down, strap or hanger. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Steel nail plates over holes near the stud face**  
Plates installed where pipe or wire holes sit close enough to the face that a drywall screw could reach them. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Shear wall sheathing cut only as far as the plans allow**  
Openings cut in shear or braced-wall sheathing for pipes, vents or boxes within what the plans allow; any larger cut sent to the engineer for a repair detail. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Top plates checked where pipes and ducts pass through**  
Where a plumbing or duct run cuts a top plate beyond what the plans allow, a metal tie or strap reconnects both sides as the plans show. 1 photo required

## Final release before cover

- ☐ **Hold-downs, straps and hangers still accessible and untouched**  
Hardware re-checked immediately before cover to confirm nothing shifted or loosened since the erection walk. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Every wall and floor area walked and released individually**  
One photo per room or bay showing the full framed condition, tagged to that area's release. 3 photos required
- ☐ **Framing moisture checked before insulation and drywall**  
Moisture meter readings at a sample of studs and plates within the value the spec or drywall manufacturer lists; wet members dried first. 1 photo required

- ☐ **AHJ framing inspection result logged for the area**  
Framing inspection passed for that area, with the result and date recorded before insulation or drywall starts. No photo required
- ☐ **Insulation and drywall foremen notified of the released areas**  
Release sent to the insulation and drywall foremen listing rooms open for cover and rooms held for hardware, shear nailing or MEP-cut repairs. No photo required