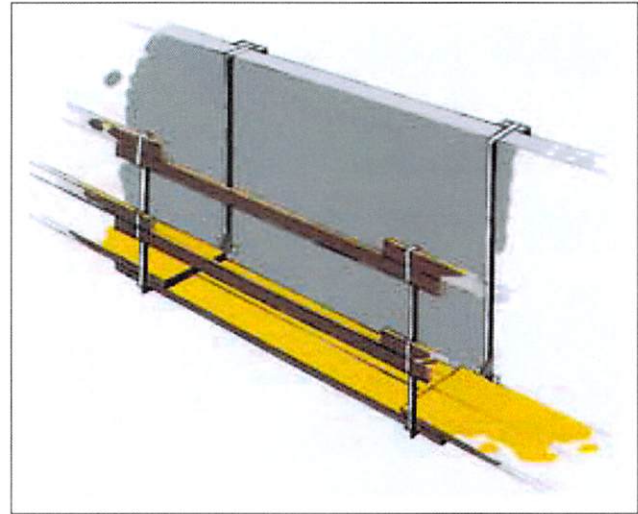


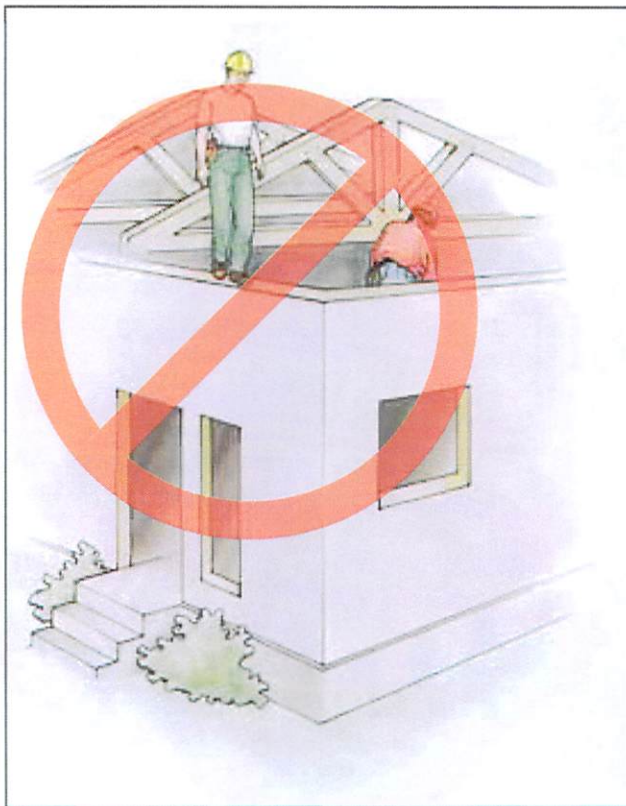
## General framing

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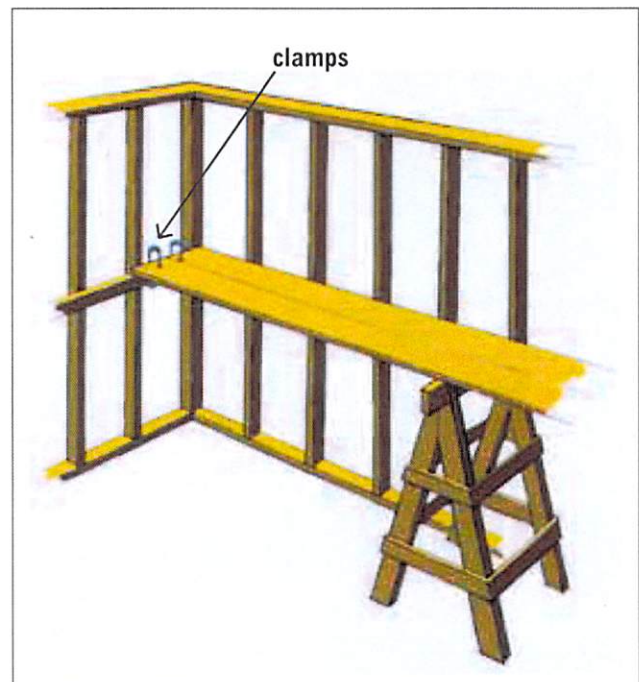
- A key safety step to remember when framing is that workers must not walk or work on interior or exterior walls.
- Wall-mounted brackets and work platforms allow workers to work without walking on the top plate.



*Wall-mounted brackets can be mounted inside or outside of the wall.*



*Workers must not walk on top plates of walls.*



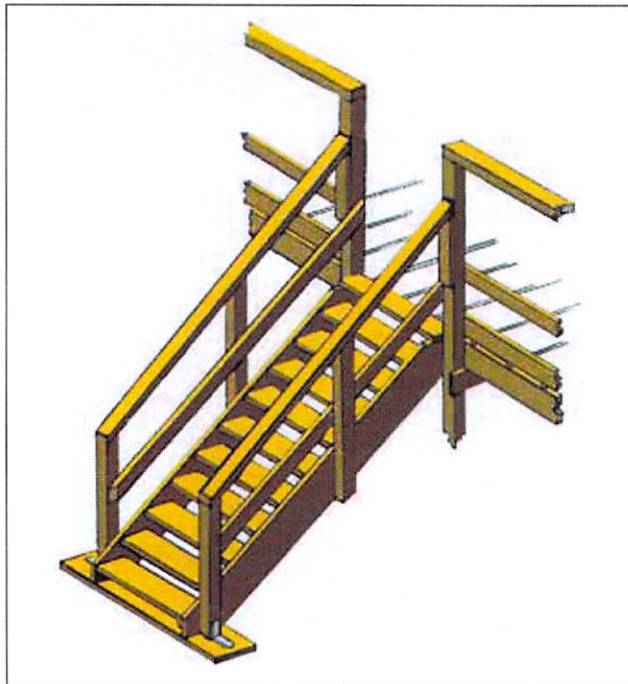
*An example of a job-built work platform.*

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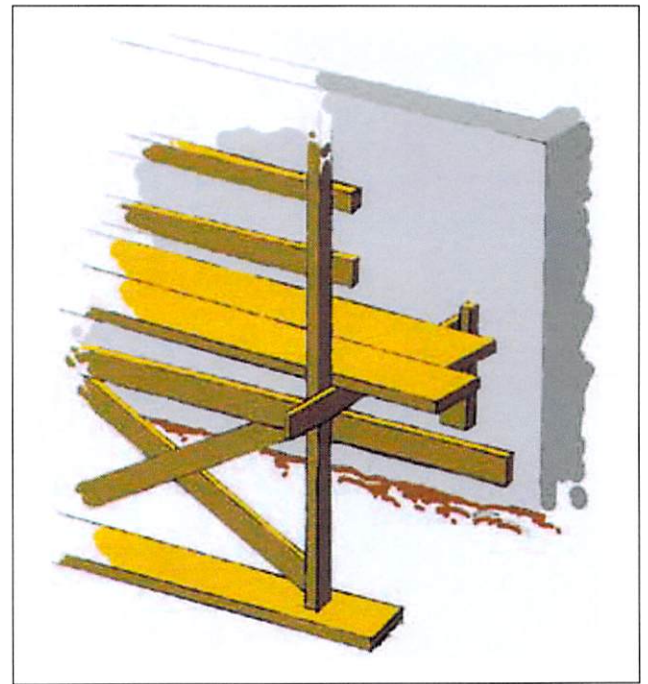
## Guardrails and floor openings

The pressure to do construction work as quickly as possible often results in guardrails not being erected, openings in floors not being covered, or safe access to work platforms not being provided.

- Stairways complete with handrails must be installed before beginning work on the next floor level. If the stairs are not available for installation, a suitable ladder must be installed and secured against movement. Stairway landings, ramps, and walkways that are 1.2 m (4 ft.) or more above grade must have guardrails.
- Workers must be prevented from falling when working 3 m (10 ft.) or more above grade. Standard guardrails or fall protection equipment must be used for this purpose.



*Temporary stairway with handrails.*



*Guardrails are required when the work platform is over 3 m (10 ft.).*



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## Floor and roof openings

Floor and roof openings through which a worker could fall must be securely covered or have standard guardrails erected around them.

- Make sure covers for floor openings are nailed or otherwise secured and well marked.



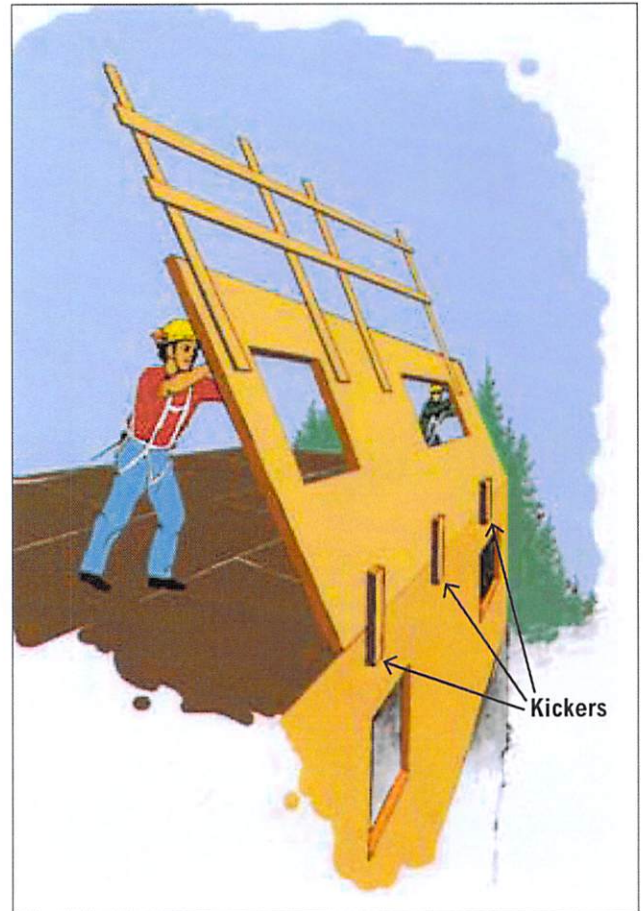
Examples of markings on a plywood cover.

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## Lifting walls

When lifting walls, consider the following:

- Ensure that all workers understand the lifting process. Only one person should give the instruction and direction.
- Have an adequate number of workers to carry out this job in a safe manner.
- Install kickers to prevent the bottom of the wall from slipping off the subfloor.
- Ensure no workers are in the area below the wall being lifted.
- Do not lift walls in excessively windy conditions.
- Make sure fall protection is provided to workers near the edge.
- Install temporary braces immediately after the wall is in an upright position.



*Install kickers to prevent the bottom of the wall from slipping off the subfloor. Also, rails can be nailed prior to lifting to deter walking on top plates and provide fall protection to workers on the next level.*