

# HAZARD ALERT

## Use temporary bracing during all phases of wood frame construction

Two wood frame houses collapsed while under construction. The removal of temporary wall braces and strong winds contributed to the accident.

During all phases of wood frame construction, temporary cross-bracing adds lateral stability and helps prevent collapse of building structures.

**The following practices help to ensure lateral stability of building structures.**

- Install temporary cross-bracing:
  - Across perimeter openings, such as windows and garage doors
  - Throughout narrow structures where there are few or no cross-walls erected in the short direction
- Keep temporary cross-bracing in place until permanent lateral load-resisting elements are completed.
- Use proper sheathing and blocking to improve the load-carrying capacity of partially completed interior walls.

*Occupational Health and Safety Regulation reference: Section 20.14 Temporary support*



# Language shouldn't be a barrier to safety

This poster was prepared for you and your workers. It is important that your workers receive the safety message that is contained in this poster. If your workers are unable to read English, we would appreciate it if you would translate, or have translated, this important message into a language they can understand. Thank you.