

# Part 2 Masonry Wall Bracing

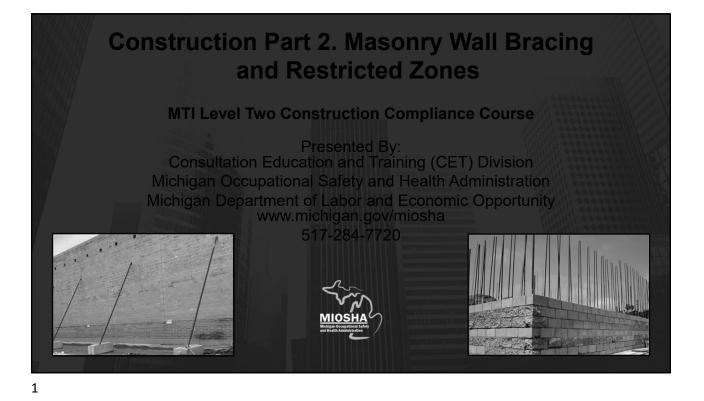
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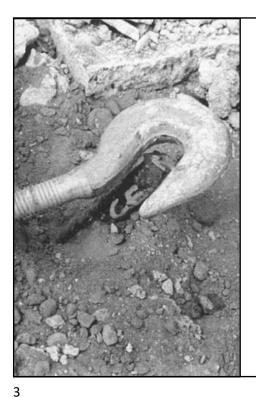


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- Discuss Scope and Definitions
- Compare Internal Bracing to External Bracing
- Identify Employer Responsibilities
- Explain Training Expectations
- Illustrate Restricted Zone Requirements
- Detail Signage Requirements
- Analyze Wind Speed Conditions
- Specify Initial Period and Intermediate Period Requirements
- Describe Wall Bracing Designs
- Depict Triangle Wall Bracing System
- Assess Walls and Bracing by Inspection



### **Reason for the Standard** in Michigan

## Masonry Wall Collapse Flushing, MI 1998

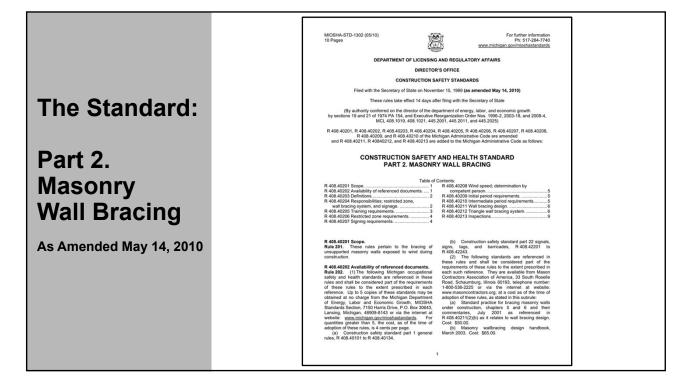
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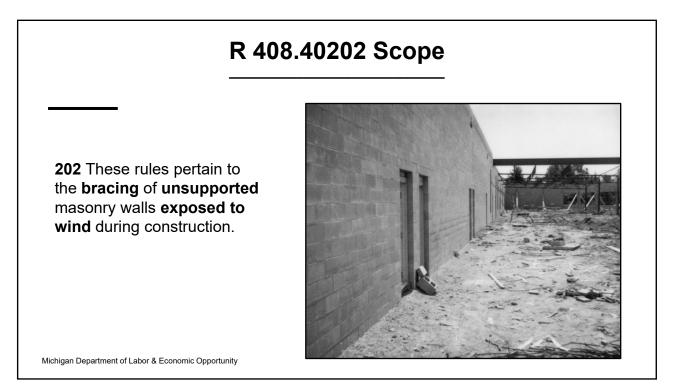
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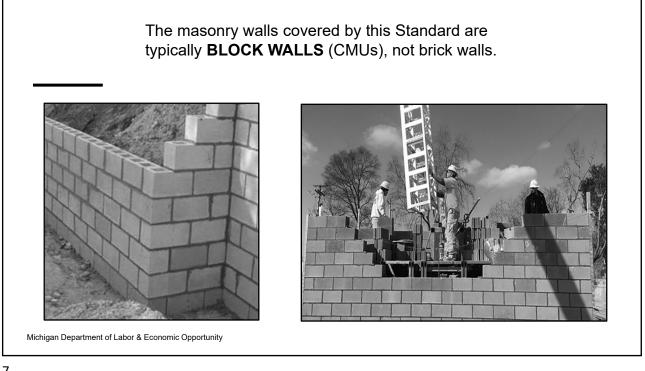
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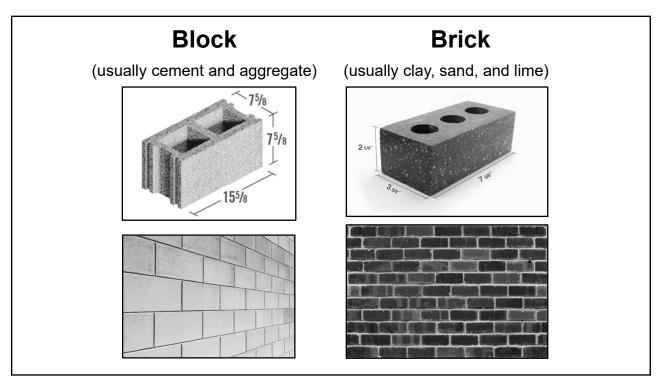
Incident occurred at Flushing High School Auditorium on August 24, 1998, at approximately 1:45 p.m.

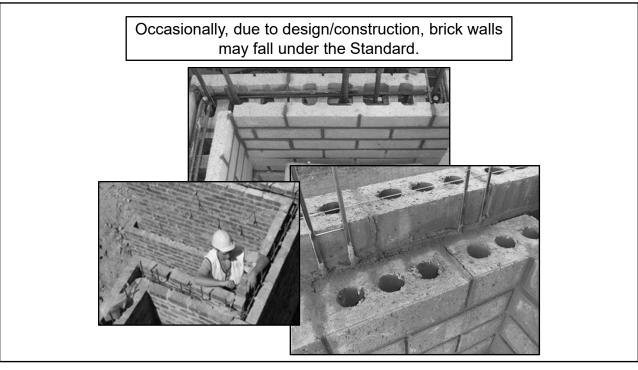


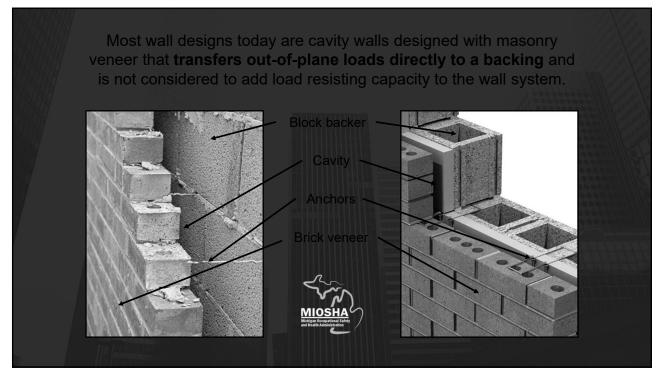










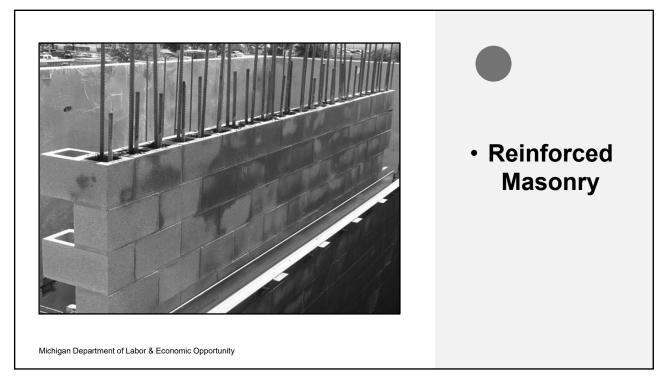


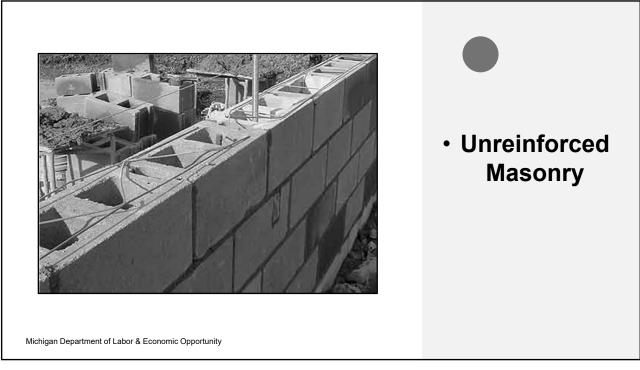
### **Reinforcing Walls Using Grout and Rebar**

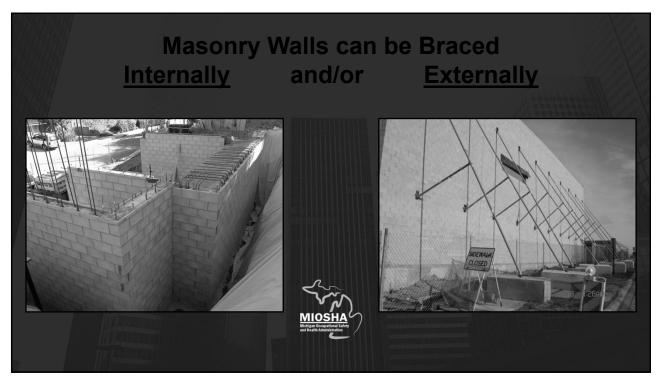
• Tensile strength resists tension (being pulled apart), therefore walls get reinforced with grout and rebar to boost tensile strength and resist wind loading.

- **Grout** is a cementitious fluid similar to concrete with smaller aggregate poured vertically (sometimes horizontally) in the hollow cores of block walls bonding the rebar and masonry for resisting loads.
- **Rebar** or reinforcing bar are lengths of steel rod placed along with grout vertically (sometimes horizontally) in the hollow cores of block walls to increase tensile strength.

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### Internal Wall Bracing

- Internal wall bracing uses the inherent strength of reinforced masonry to resist wind loading and provide stability during construction.
- The objective of internal bracing design is to keep the wall standing during construction and to provide enough time for evacuation during a wind event.

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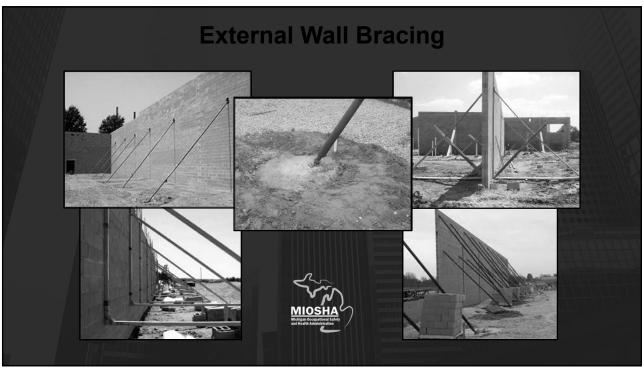
### Advantages

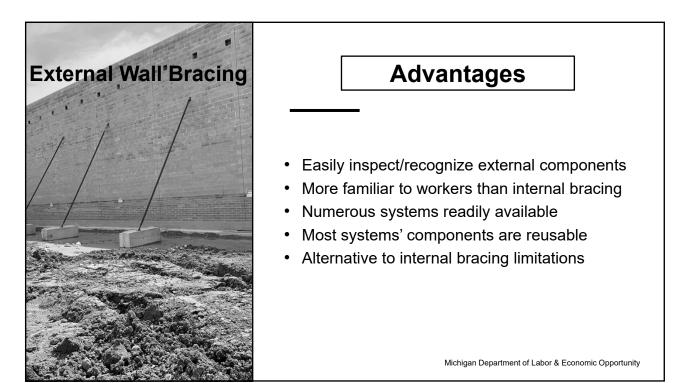
- No external hardware impeding movement onsite
- Reduced/no costs associated with bracing hardware purchase, storage, cartage, installation, training
- · No additional mobilization to remove bracing
- No concentrated load at bracing point connection to the wall
- Predictable capacity with more direct path for load resistance
- Capacity that increases with time and curing
- Reinforcing walls typically integral work operation
- Safer site without external components
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- External wall bracing has been used effectively for years by lending stability to masonry walls during construction through resistance to tensile stresses.
- External bracing can help provide appropriate capacity for certain wall configurations that cannot be adequately braced using the wall's internal capacity.



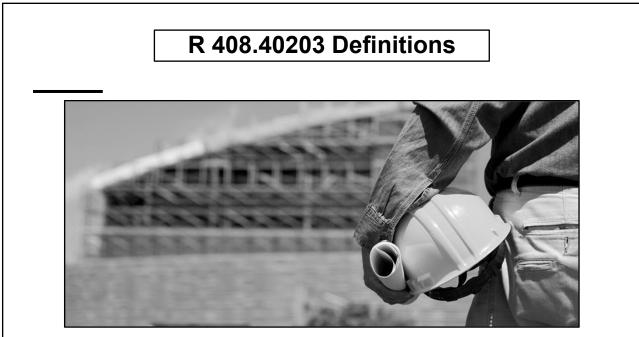


### Wall Bracing Design Considerations

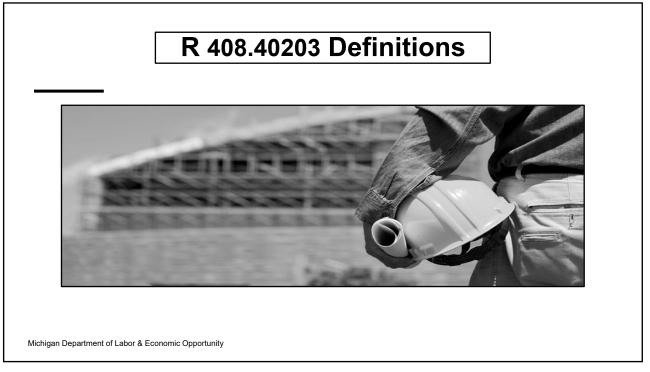
- Layout including wall locations, heights, openings
- Sequencing for walls, wall segments, buttressed walls, final lateral support
- Masonry unit's compressive strength, thickness, density
- Mortar type (N, S, M, mortar cement, masonry cement, Portland cement/lime)
- Low-lift vs high-lift grouting techniques
- Rebar size and grout spacing
- Lap splice (48 bar diameters = full capacity > 24 hrs)
- Foundation size and soil capacity analysis
- Fixed vs Pinned base foundation dowel length

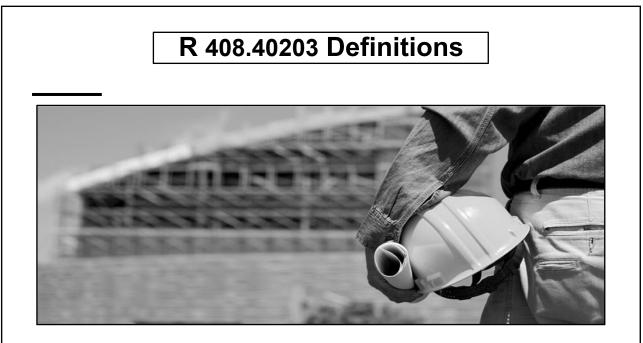
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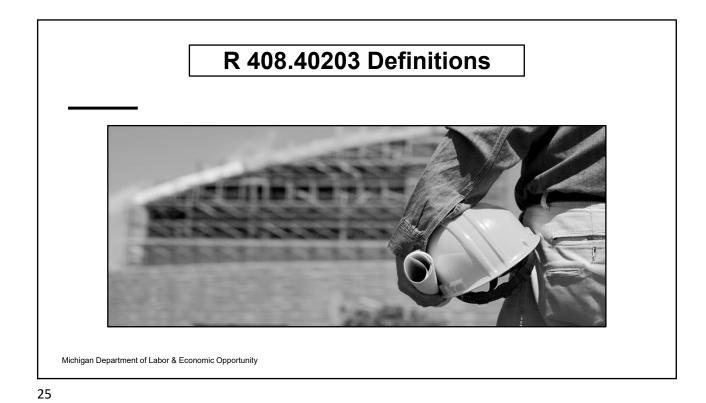


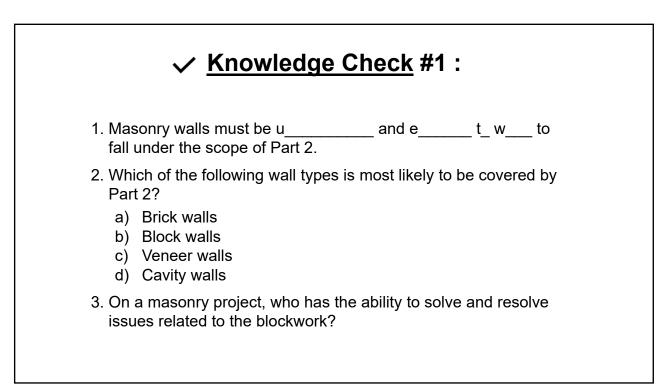
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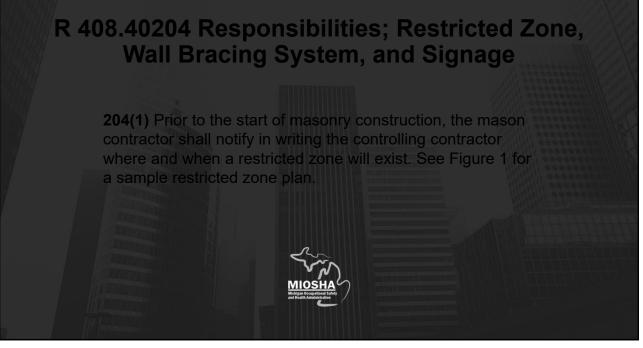


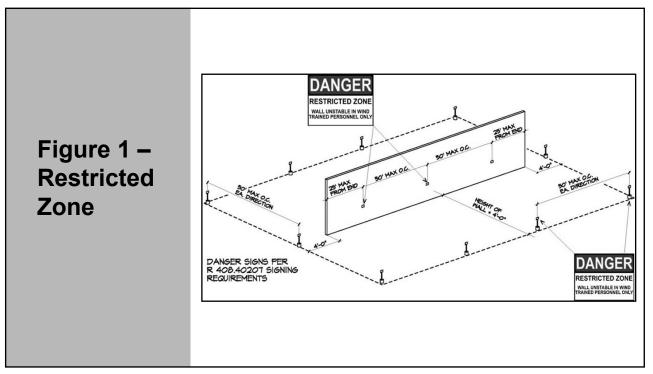


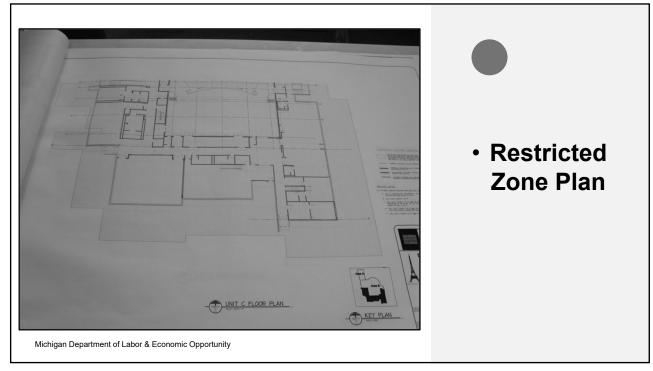
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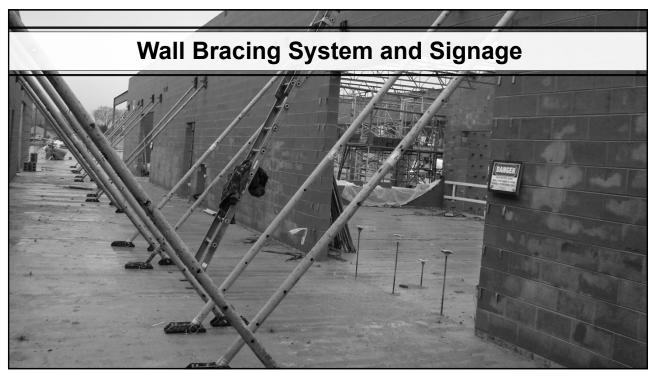








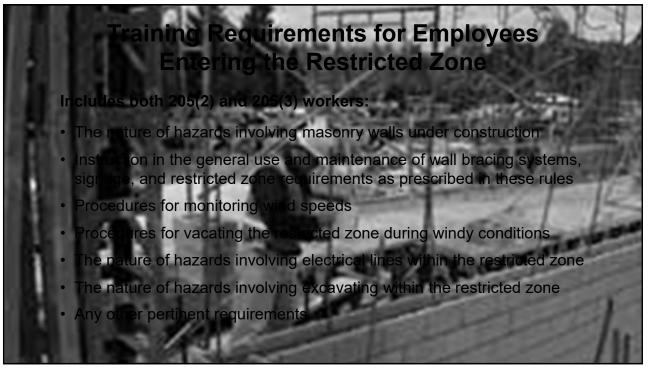




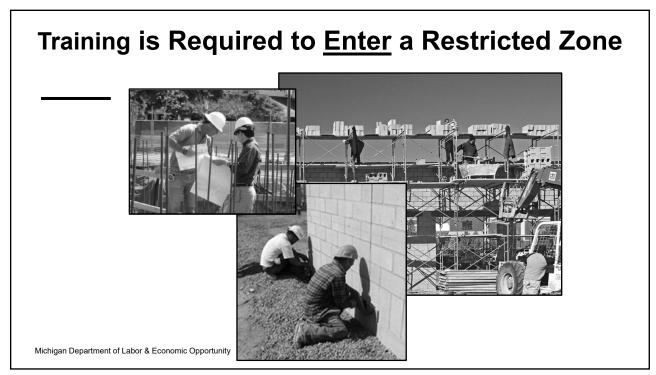










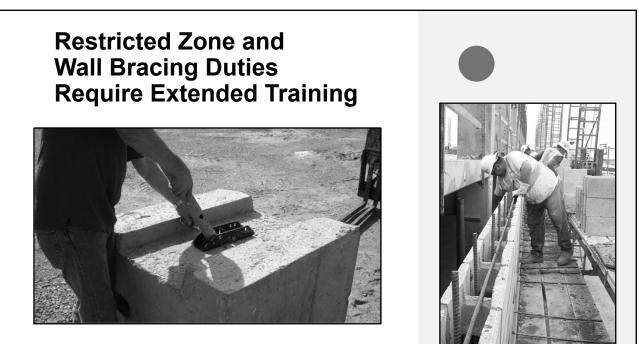


### Training Requirements for Employees Installing, Altering, Repairing, Maintaining, or Inspecting the Bracing System and Restricted Zone

Includes 205(2) workers only, typically the masonry crew:

- · Identifying unsupported masonry walls requiring bracing
- The procedures for installing, altering, repairing, inspecting, and maintaining the wall bracing system being used
- Proper installation and maintenance of a restricted zone and signage
- Inspecting the worksite for overhead and underground utilities and other hazards
- Inspecting the worksite for excavations in the restricted zone Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity

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### R 408.40205 Training Requirements

**205(4) Additional training** is required in each of the following situations:

(a) When changes at the worksite present a hazard about which an employee has not been previously trained.

(b) When changes in the types of wall bracing systems present a hazard for which an employee has not been previously trained.



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### R 408.40205 Training Requirements

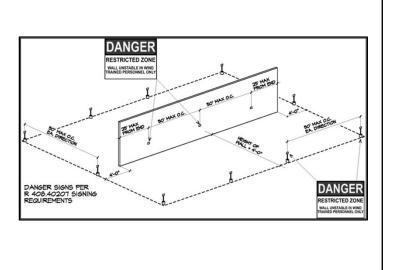


**205(5)** The employer shall verify compliance with this rule by preparing a **written certification record**. The written certification record shall contain the name or other identity of the employee trained, the date or dates of the training, and the signature of the person who conducted the training or the signature of the employer. If the employer relies on training conducted by another employer or completed prior to the effective date of this rule, the certification record shall indicate the date the employer determined the prior training was adequate rather than the date of actual training.

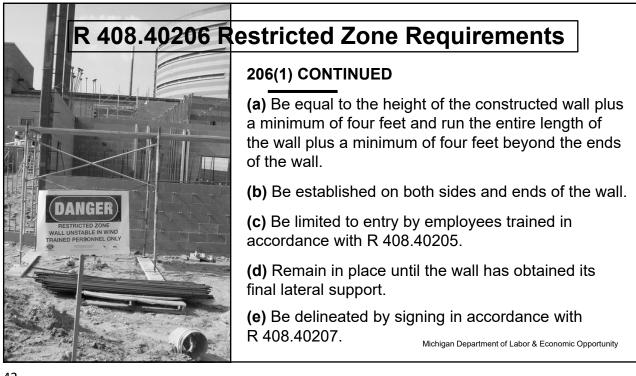
The latest training certification shall be maintained and available during the work shift.

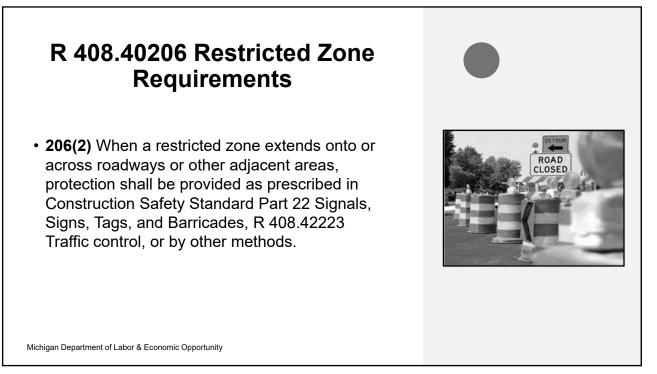
### R 408.40206 Restricted Zone Requirements

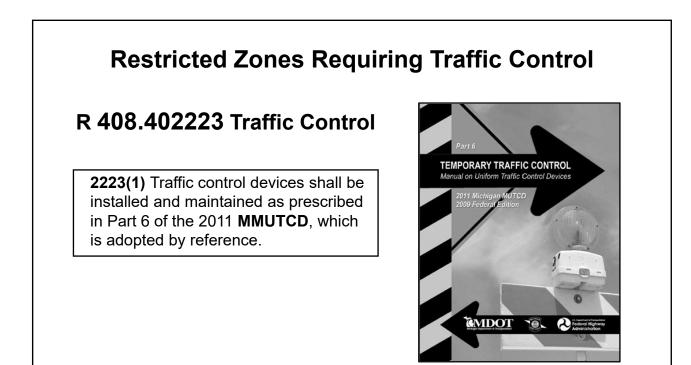
**206(1)** For walls greater than eight feet in height, a restricted zone shall be established prior to the start of the construction of the wall. The restricted zone shall meet all the following requirements (see Figure 1):



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### R 408.40206 Restricted Zone Requirements

 206(3) If restricted zones cannot be installed or maintained as prescribed by these rules, alternative protective methods shall be provided. Drawings/plans or calculations shall be prepared by a qualified person and available at the jobsite.

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**Alternative Protective Method** 

#### **Eliminating the Restricted Zone**

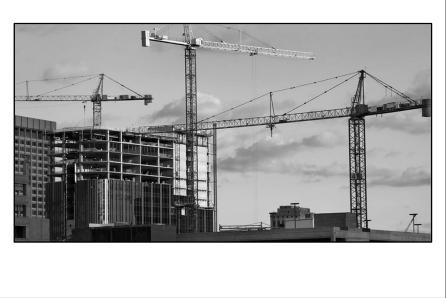
"This can be a great tool when the Restricted Zone extends into roadways or pedestrian walkways that cannot be closed or easily protected. It can also prove highly beneficial when the Restricted Zone extends over adjacent building spaces that must remain occupied during construction. The basic premise for eliminating the Restricted Zone is to **design the Internal Bracing for wind loads based on the full design level wind speed**....Higher design wind velocities and the resulting higher pressures will more frequently require modifications to the occupancy design requirements including reinforcement quantity and possibly foundation size."

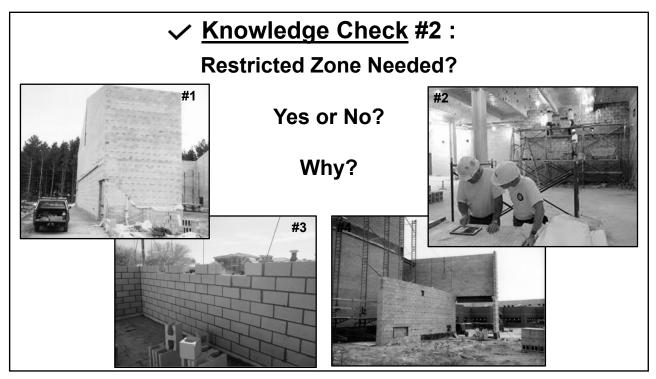
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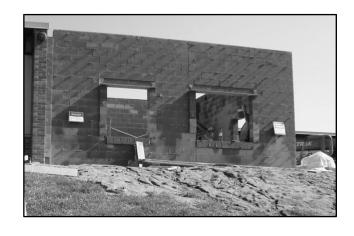
### **R 408.40206** Restricted Zone Requirements

**206(4)** For multi-story structures the restricted zone shall be determined by a qualified person.



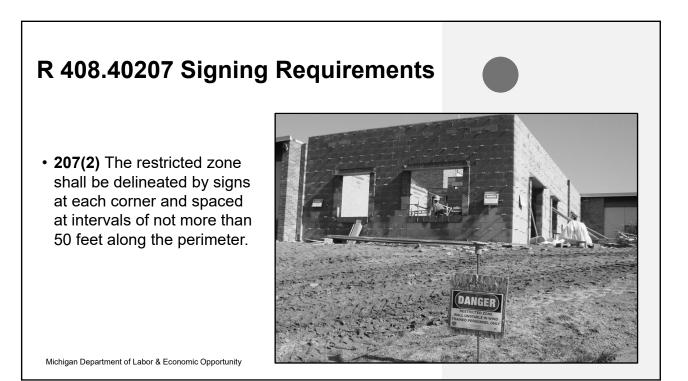


### R 408.40207 Signing Requirements



**207(1)** Each unsupported masonry wall that is **more than eight feet in height** shall be posted with a danger sign on each end and each side at intervals of not more than 50 feet as shown in Figure 1.

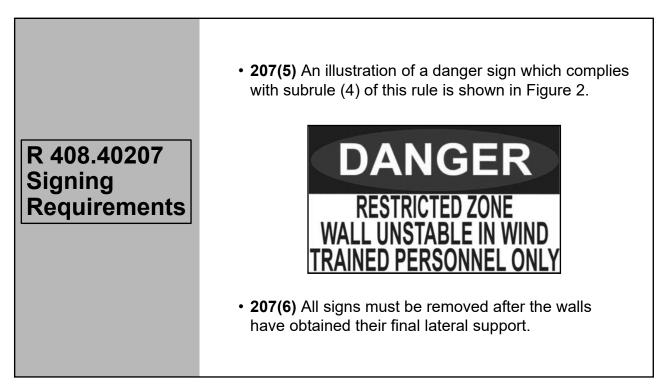
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### R 408.40207 Signing Requirements

**207(3)** The danger signs shall be maintained in readily visible, unobstructed locations and in a legible condition until the masonry wall has obtained its final lateral support.







### R 408.40208 Wind Speed; Determination by Competent Person

• 208 Wind speeds shall be determined by a competent person in the vicinity of the masonry wall exposed to wind and shall be monitored during the initial and intermediate periods. A wind-measuring device shall be used to determine wind speeds.

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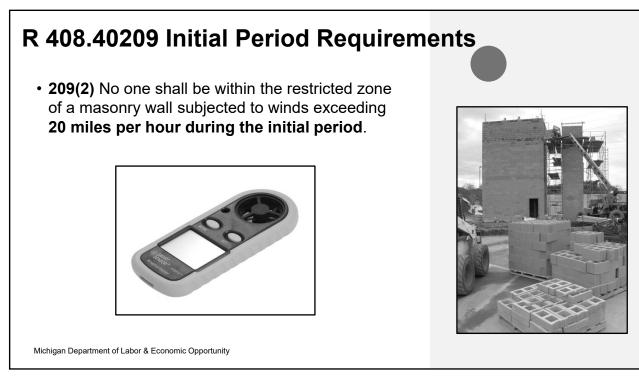


### R 408.40209 Initial Period Requirements

**209(1)** Unbraced masonry walls shall not exceed the maximum height as shown in Table 1 during the initial period.

TABLE 1 INITIAL PERIOD (LESS THAN 24 HOURS) Maximum Unbraced Height of Unreinforced Masonry Above its Base or Highest Line of Bracing for Resisting 20 mph Wind Unit Weight of Masonry			
Nominal Thickness	Light Weight <sup>(1)</sup> (<105 pcf)	Medium Weight <sup>(2)</sup> (105 to <125 pcf)	Normal Weight <sup>(3)</sup> (>125 pcf)
	Maximum Height	Maximum Height	Maximum Height
4"	8'-0"	8'-0"	8'-0"
6"	8'-0"	8'-0"	8'-0"
8"	9'-4"	10'-0"	12'-0"
10"	13'-4"	14'-8"	17'-4"
12"	18'-0"	20'-0"	24'-0"

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### R 408.40209 Initial Period Requirements

**209(3)** At the end of the initial period, the wall shall be braced on both sides if it exceeds the unbraced wall heights as shown in Table 2.



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L	Maximum Height	Maximum Height	Maximum Height	Maximum Height
	0' 0"	8'-0"	8'-0"	8'-0"
4"	8'-0"		8'-0"	8'-0"
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		8'-0"	8'-0"	8'-0"
6"	8'-0"			



### R 408.40210 Intermediate Period Requirements

• 210(2) No one shall be within the restricted zone of a masonry wall subjected to winds exceeding 35 miles per hour during the intermediate period.

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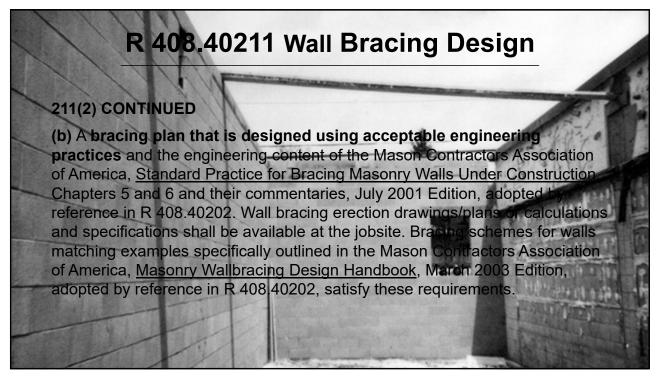
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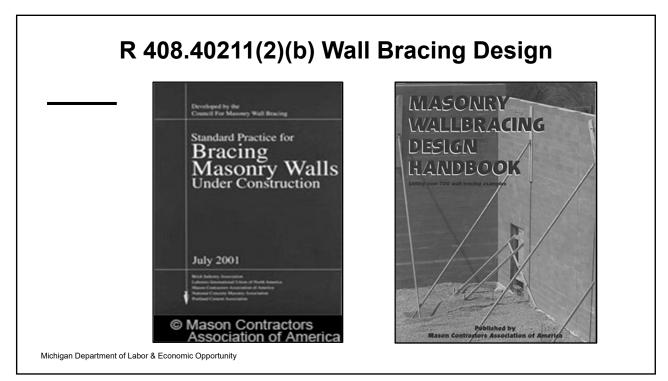
**210(3)** When **bracing cannot be installed** because of work operations, no one shall be permitted within the restricted zone when the wind is more than **20** miles per hour during the intermediate period as shown in Table 3.

L	Unit Weight of Masonry			Unbonded
Nominal hickness	Light Weight <sup>(1)</sup> (<105 pcf)	Medium Weight <sup>(2)</sup> (105 to <125 pcf)	Normal Weight <sup>(3)</sup> (≥125 pcf)	Masonry <sup>(4)</sup>
Γ	Maximum Height	Maximum Height	Maximum Height	Maximum Height
4"	8'-0"	8'-0"	8'-0"	8'-0"
6"	9'-4"	10'-0"	10'-8"	8'-0"
8"	14'-8"	15'-4"	16'-8"	9'-4"
10"	18'-8"	20'-0"	22'-0"	13'-4"
12"	23'-4"	25'-4"	28'-0"	18'-0"
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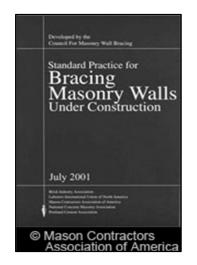








### R 408.40211(2)(b) Wall Bracing Design

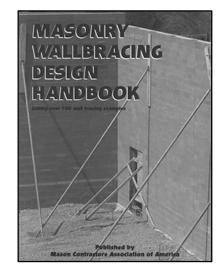


- First industry-supported document giving specific procedures for bracing masonry walls during construction
- The primary goal is to provide life safety for masons and other workers onsite while masonry walls are being constructed

\*Content to be used in conjunction with acceptable engineering practices

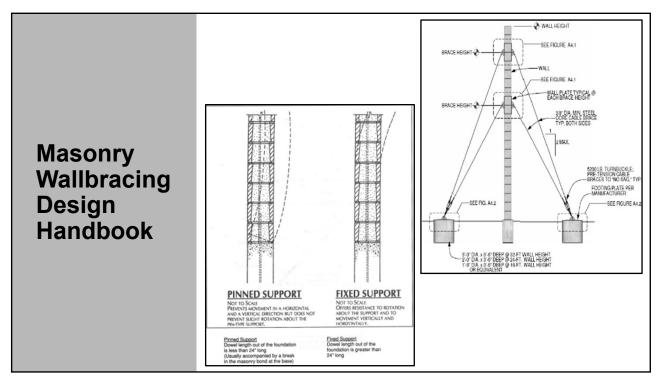
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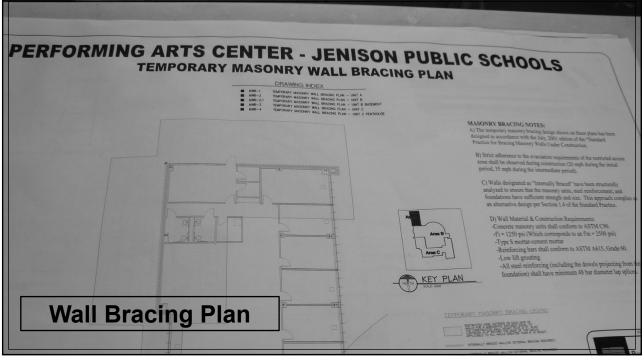
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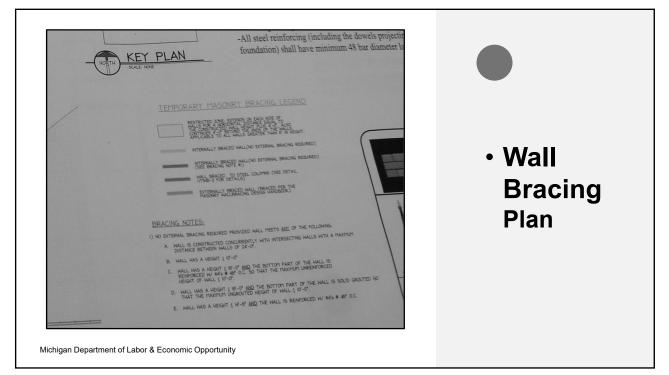


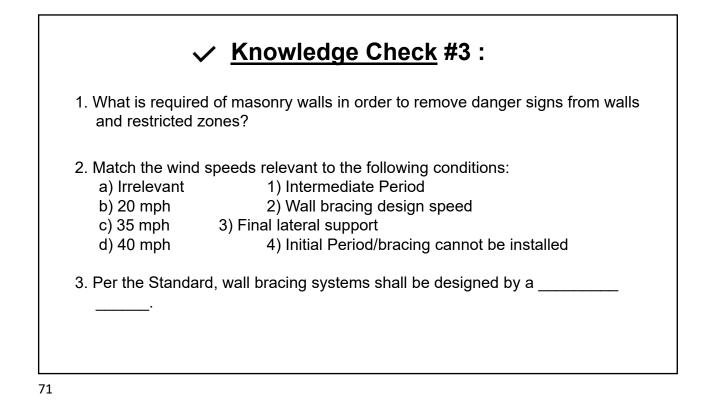
- Lists over 700 examples of masonry wallbracing
- Engineering design calculations adhering to Standard Practice for Bracing Masonry Walls Under Construction
- Step-by-step pictorial of wall bracing placement

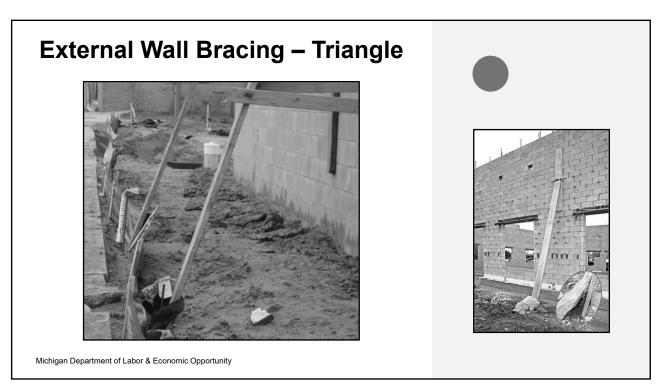
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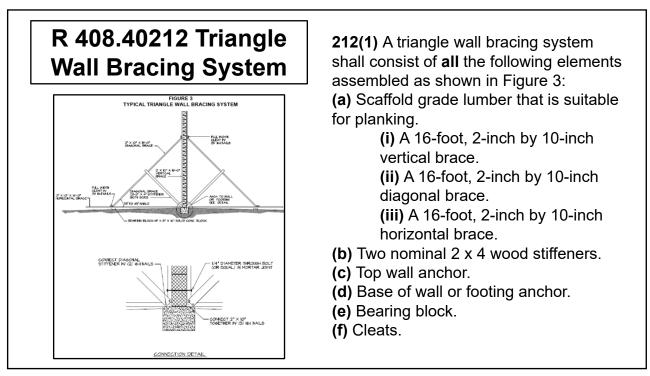


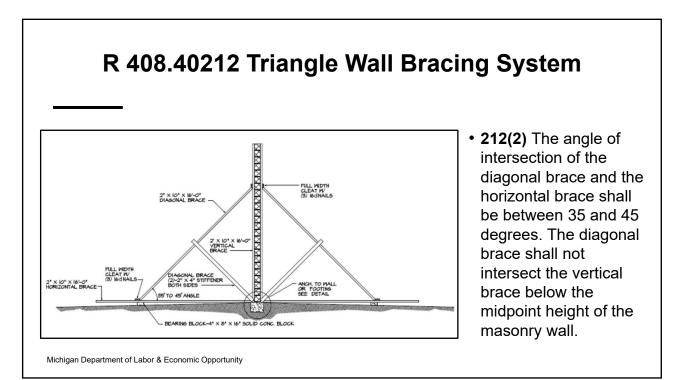


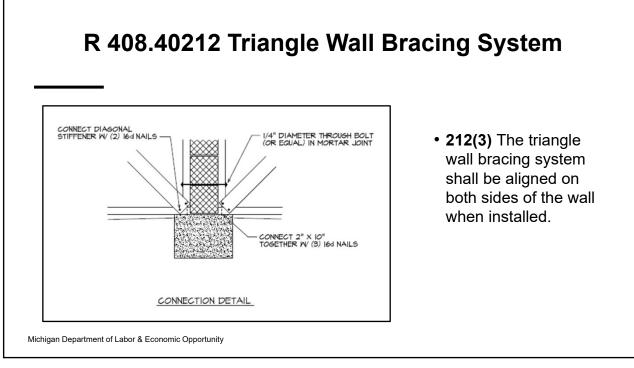










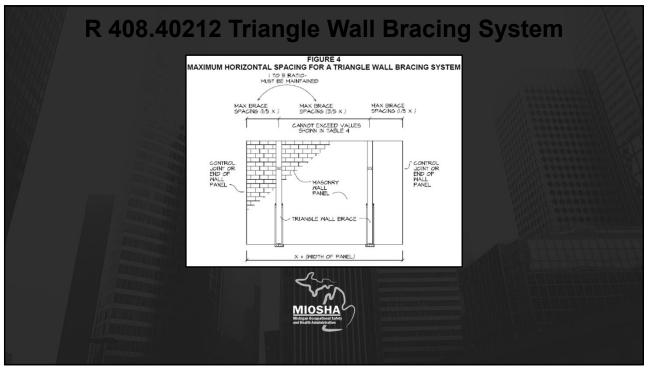


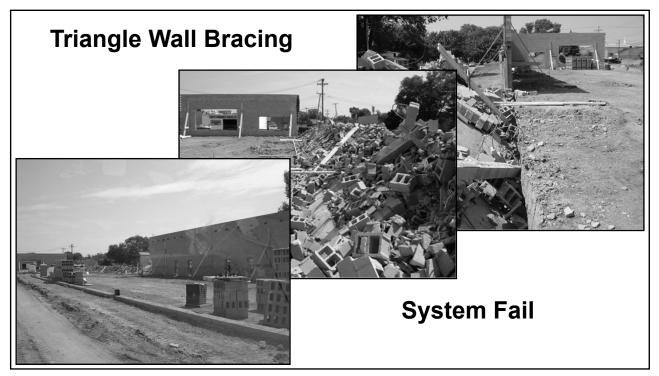
# R 408.40212 Triangle Wall Bracing System

212(4) The maximum horizontal spacing for a triangle wall bracing system shall not exceed the values as shown in Table 4 for the corresponding maximum wall heights and as illustrated in Figure 4.

TABLE 4 <sup>(1)</sup> INTERMEDIATE PERIOD (GREATER THAN 24 HOURS) Maximum Horizontal Spacing for the Triangle Wall Bracing System for Resisting 40 mph Wind				
Nominal Thickness	Maximum Horizontal Spacing	Maximum Wall Height	Maximum Panel Width <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	
4"	9'-1"	16'	16'-0"	
6*	13'-6"	16'	24'-0"	
8*	17'-11"	16'	32'-0"	
10*	20'-10"	16'	38'-0"	
12*	23'-8"	16'	42'-8"	

<sup>(1)</sup> Table 4 is based on Type N masonry cement mortar.
 <sup>(2)</sup> Actual width of panel may not exceed design spacing of control joints or design panel widths. Consult approved permit drawings for specified control joint locations or maximum spacing.
 <sup>(3)</sup> Panels shall not include control joints within width of panel.





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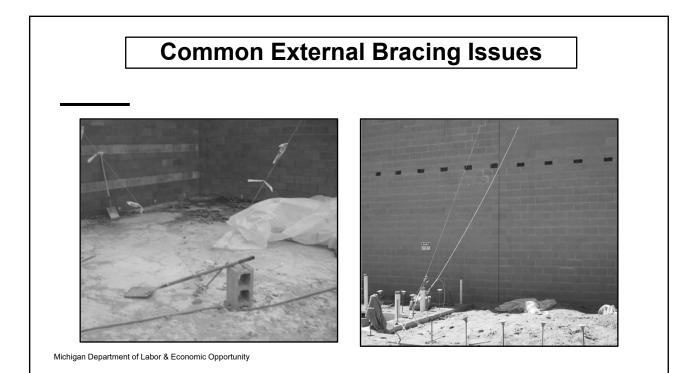
For the following, calculate the spacing for installing triangle braces using the formula from Figure 4. Then, determine applicability using the Table 4 values given:

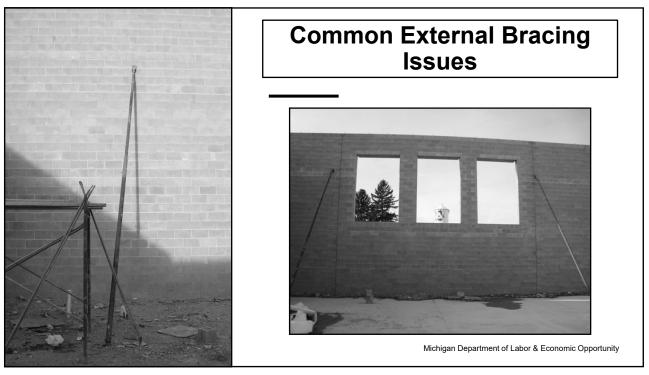
- 1) 25 ft. long, 14 ft. 8 in. high, 8 in. concrete block wall panel needs bracing between control joints.
- (Per Table 4: 8-inch block allows up to 32 ft panel width, up to 16 ft panel height, and up to 17 ft 11 in between braces)
- 2) 30 ft. long, 16 ft. high, 12 in. concrete block wall panel needs bracing between control joints.

(Per Table 4: 12-inch block allows up to 42 ft 8 in panel width, up to 16 ft panel height, and up to 23 ft 6 in between braces)

3) 40 ft. long, 17 ft. 4 in. high, 12 in. concrete block wall panel needs bracing between control joints.

(Per Table 4: 12-inch block allows up to 42 ft 8 in panel width, up to 16 ft panel height, and up to 23 ft 6 in between braces)





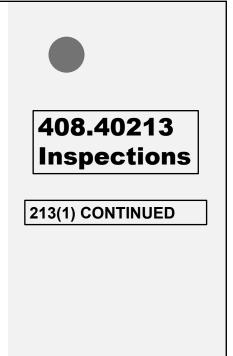


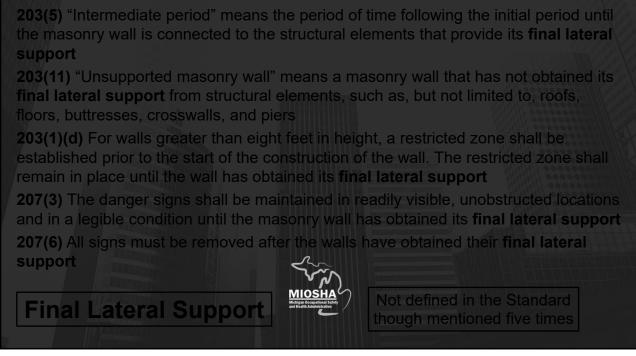
### R 408.40213 Inspections



• 213(1) An unsupported masonry wall, including the wall bracing system, shall be inspected for visible defects by a competent person at the beginning of each shift and after any occurrence that could affect the structural integrity of the wall bracing system or the wall.

- (a) Any bracing element that is damaged or weakened from any cause shall be immediately repaired or replaced. A **competent person** shall supervise the repairs.
- (b) Any bracing element that is repaired shall have at least the original designed strength for the wall brace system.
- (c) If any movement of the wall or physical damage to the wall occurs, the project structural designer of record shall be notified. Repairs to the wall shall be designed by a structural engineer and shall not be done without the approval of the project structural designer of record.
- (d) Only those persons repairing the wall or wall bracing system may work within the restricted zone until repairs have been made. Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity





# Final Lateral Support

"Final lateral support means that the wall and its final connections, i.e., trusses and decking, are capable of transferring the design level wind load to the structure as determined by a qualified person."

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These Q & As are designed to provide information related to Construction Safety Standard Part 2 – Masonry Wall Bracing. The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act 154, as amended, require employers to comply with safety and health standards promulgated by MIOSHA. However, **this document is not itself a standard or regulation, and it creates no new legal obligations**.

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Final Lateral Support				
<ul> <li>"The intent is that the wall be connected to a continuous lateral system. Bar joists or beams bearing on or connected to the wall, without connection to a deck or even when connected to a deck, without an effective shear wall or other bracing may not qualify as 'final lateral support' and each project condition should be evaluated independently to determine when the Intermediate Period ends."</li> </ul>	"Internal Bracing Design Guide for Masonry Walls Under Construction" Copyright © 2013 International Masonry Institute Author: Scott W. Walkowicz, PE, NCEES			

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#### **Bracing Masonry Walls – Federal OSHA**

**1926.706(a)** A limited access zone shall be established whenever a masonry wall is being constructed. The limited access zone shall conform to the following:

Established prior to the start of construction of the wall; equal to the height of the wall to be constructed plus four feet and shalt run the entire length of the wall; established on the side of the wall which will be unscaffolded; restricted to entry by employees actively engaged in constructing the wall; no other employees shall be permitted to enter the zone; reference on the value of the wall is adequately supported to prevent overt witching occupational safety to collapse unless the height of wall is over eight feet, in which and seatth deministration access zone shall remain in place until the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section have been met.

**1926.706(b)** All masonry walls over eight feet in height shall be adequately braced to prevent overturning and to prevent collapse unless the wall is adequately supported so that it will not overturn or collapse. The bracing shall remain in place until permanent supporting elements of the structure are in place.

#### Factors that Prevent Masonry Walls from Blowing Over:

- 1. Gravity Initial Period (Design for 20 mph wind)
- 2. Time Wall achieves one half masonry strength
  - at 24 hours after laying and/or grouting
  - 3. Mortar Strength
- 4. Wall Geometry & Sequence of Construction
- 5. Reinforced Wall Strength
- 6. Time Reserve strength as wall develops from
- one half masonry strength to full masonry strength

 "Practical Design of Temporary Masonry Wall Bracing"
 Author: Todd Dailey, Civil Engineer, President and CEO Dailey Engineering Inc.

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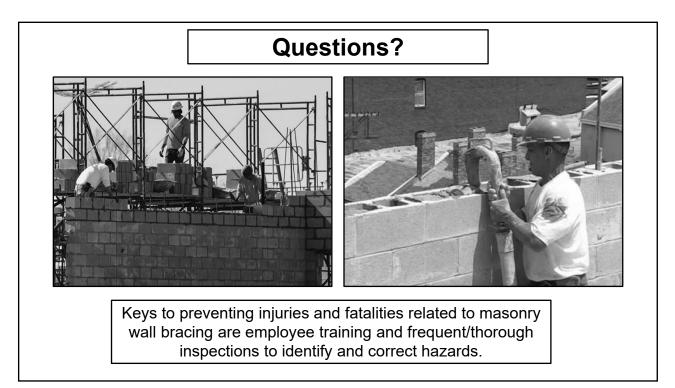
### **Other Safety Standards Affecting Masonry**

Part 1. General Rules – APPs, first aid cards, toilets, washing facilities
Part 6. Personal Protective Equipment – hard hats, safety glasses, face shields, boots, gloves
Part 7. Welding and Cutting – welding anchors to steel, cutting rerod to length
Part 8. Handling and Storage of Materials – brick, block, scaffold, water, mortar, grout, powerlines
Part 9. Excavation, Trenching, and Shoring – footing block, foundations, poured walls
Part 10. Cranes and Derricks – cannot reach with forklift, powerlines
Part 11. Fixed and Portable Ladders – access to scaffolds, egress from excavations, powerlines
Part 12. Scaffolds and Scaffold Platforms – fall protection, falling objects, powerlines
Part 13. Mobile Equipment – operator permits, forklifts, powered industrial trucks, powerlines
Part 17. Electrical Installations – electric saws, electric mixers, electric grinders, extension cords
Part 18. Fire Protection and Prevention – fire extinguishers with heaters, smoking, welding, fueling
Part 19. Tools – saws, grinders, hammers, trowels, shovels, tape measures, brick tongs
Part 20. Demolition – tearing-out, toothing, grinding, shoring, bracing, material chutes
Part 21. Guarding of Walking and Working Areas – stairways, ramps, catch platforms, guardrails
Part 22. Signals, Signs, Tags, and Barricades – traffic control, MMUTCD, traffic regulators
Part 25. Concrete Construction – forms, fall protection, rerod-impalement, rerod-powerlines
Part 32. Aerial Work Platforms – op permits, fall protection, powerlines
Part 35. Confined Spaces in Construction – limited access, bodily enter, not for occupancy
Part 42. Hazard Communication – mortar, cement, gas, diesel, kerosene, propane, sealants
Part 45. Fall Protection – training, inspection, PPE, hazard recognition

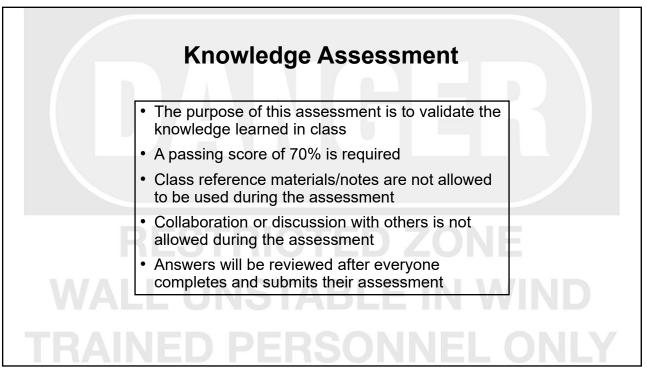


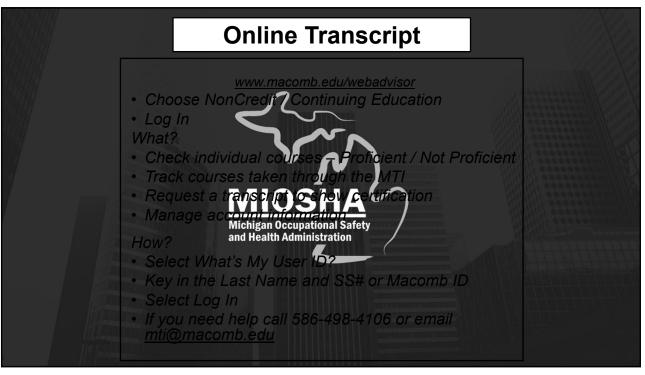


IN CONCLUSION:	<ul><li>Training</li><li>Unsupported block walls</li></ul>
Part 2. Masonry Wall Bracing and Restricted Zones	<ul> <li>Exposed to wind</li> <li>Over eight feet tall</li> <li>Restricted zone plan and signage</li> <li>Wind speed</li> <li>Evacuate 20/35 mph</li> <li>Internal wall bracing – grout and rebar</li> <li>External wall bracing – triangle or acceptable engineering practices</li> <li>Inspections</li> <li>Final lateral support</li> </ul>











# Part 2. Masonry Wall Bracing

### **Student Resources**

#### **MIOSHA Standard:**

Part 2. Masonry Wall Bracing

#### **MIOSHA Fact Sheets:**

Masonry Wall Bracing (CSHD-028)

Part 2 – Masonry Wall Bracing Questions & Answers (CSHD-031)

MIOSHA Publications: <u>Danger Restricted Zone – Wall Unstable in Wind Poster (CET-0319)</u> <u>Danger – Hard Hat Area (CET-0324)</u>

# External Publications:

<u>IMI – Internal Bracing Design Guide for Masonry Walls Under Construction</u> Dailey Engineering – Practical Design of Temporary Masonry Wall Bracing

#### **MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI) Resources:**

www.michigan.gov/mti

#### **MIOSHA Training Calendar:**

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#### MIOSHA Homepage:

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