

Instructions for Instructors

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Overview

- Prevention through Design Concept
- Steel Design, Detailing, and Fabrication Process
- Steel Erection Process
- Specific Steel PtD Examples



INTRODUCTION TO PREVENTION THROUGH DESIGN

What is Prevention through Design?

Eliminating work-related hazards and minimizing risks associated with...

- Construction or Manufacture
- Maintenance
- Use, re-use and disposal



...of

- Facilities
- Materials and
- Equipment

Successful Firms Using PtD

- Design Builders:
 - URS/Washington Group
 - Jacobs
 - Parsons
 - Fluor
 - Bechtel
- Owners:
 - Southern Company
 - Intel

Why Prevention Through Design?

- Construction is dangerous
- Design does affect safety
- Ethical reasons
- Practical benefits



<http://www.alasdairmethven.com/communities/5/004/006/908/565/images/4529948731.jpg>

Typical Annual Construction Accidents in the U.S. ¹

Construction is one of the most hazardous occupations



- 7% of the US workforce but 21% of fatalities
- About 1,000 deaths
- About 200,000 serious injuries

Design Contribution to Occupational Fatalities: Australian Study 2000-2002



- Main finding: design continues to be a significant contribution to work-related serious injury.
- 37% of workplace fatalities involved design-related issues.
- In another 14% of fatalities, design-related issues may have played a role.

Driscoll, T.R., Harrison, J. E., Bradley, C., Newton, R.S. (2005)

Accidents Linked to Design

- 22% of 226 injuries that occurred from 2000-2002 in Oregon, WA, and CA linked partly to design ²
- 42% of 224 fatalities in U.S. between 1990-2003 linked to design ²
- In Europe, a 1991 study concluded that 60% of fatal accidents resulted in part from decisions made before site work began ³
- 63% of all fatalities and injuries could be attributed to design decisions or lack of planning⁴

Ethical Reasons for PtD

- National Society of Professional Engineers' Code of Ethics:
 - Engineers shall hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public
- American Society of Civil Engineers' Code of Ethics:
 - Engineers shall recognize that the lives, safety, health and welfare of the general public are dependent upon engineering decisions...

Hierarchy of Controls

- Engineers are vital to minimizing occupational risks through the application of the hierarchy of controls
- The engineering design process provides the framework for the application of prevention through design



Constructability

Constructability is an evaluation of how reasonable the design is to construct in terms of:

- Cost
- Duration
- Quality
- Safety

Safety is an often neglected aspect of constructability

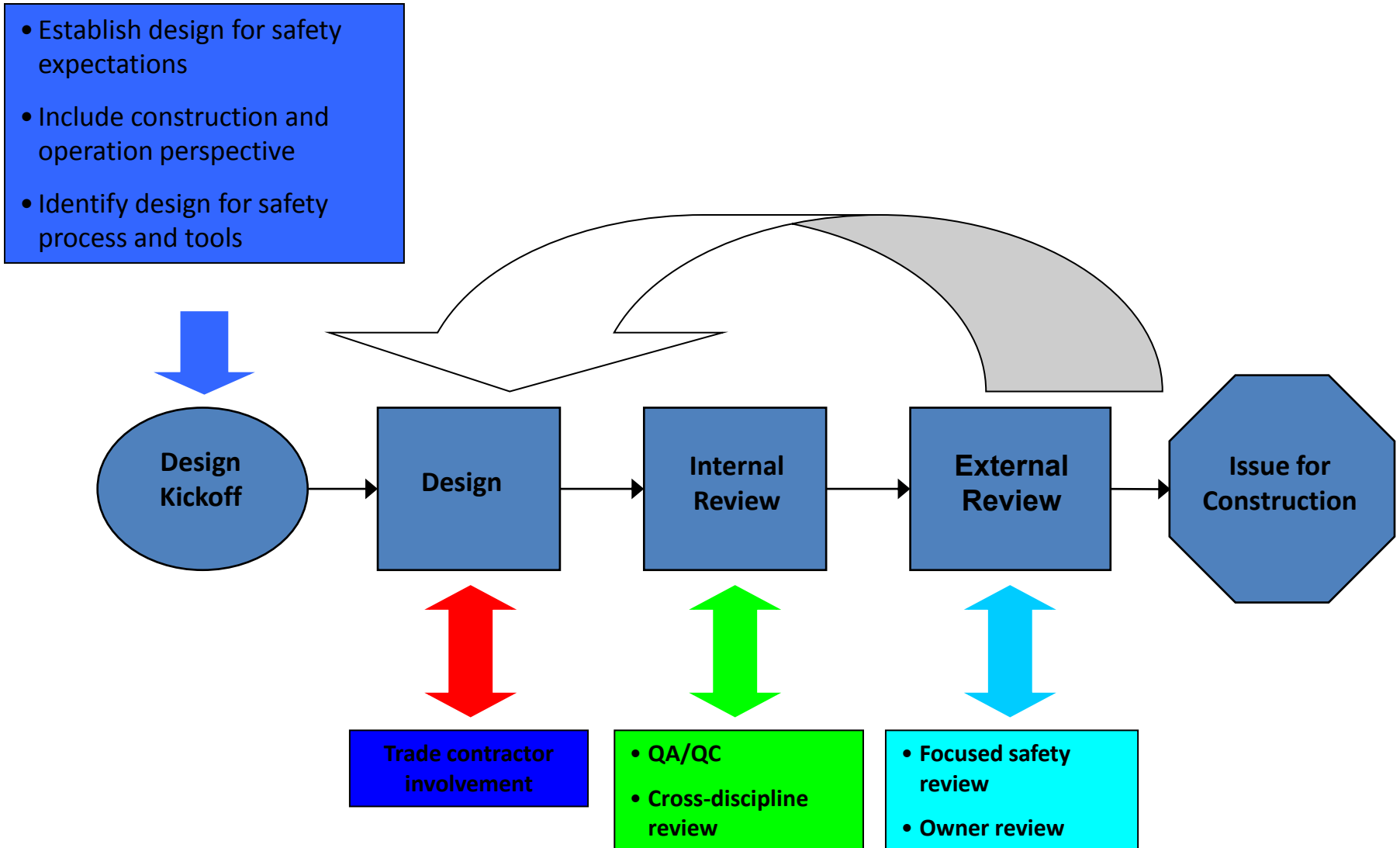


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PtD Process ⁶

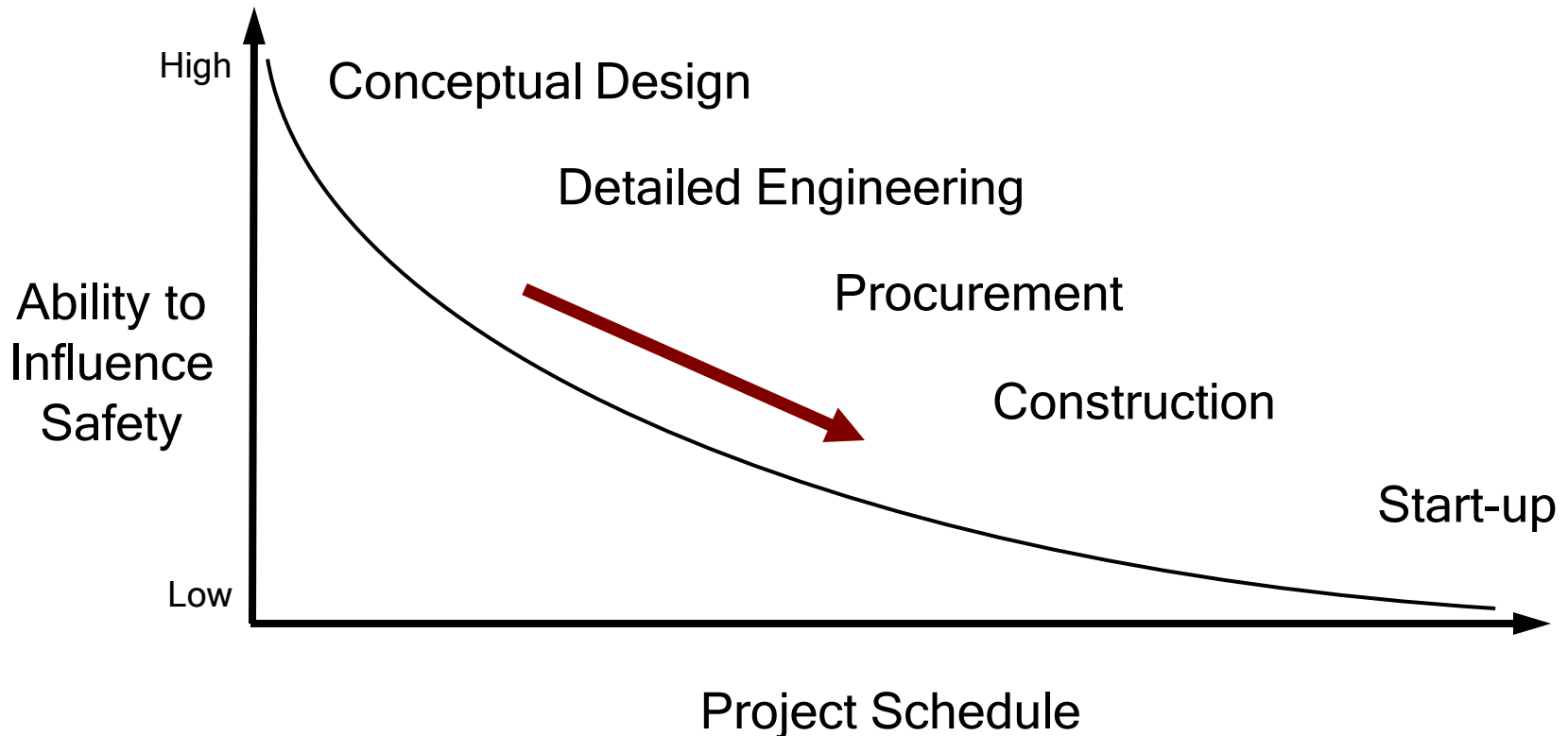


Success will only be achieved by integrating occupational safety and health with ***engineering design process***

Stage	Activities
Conceptual Design	Establish occupational safety and health goals, identify occupational hazards
Preliminary Design	Eliminate hazards, if possible. Substitute less hazardous agents / processes, and establish risk minimization targets for remaining hazards. Assess risk and develop risk control alternatives.
Detailed Design	Select controls. Conduct Process Hazard Reviews.
Procurement	Develop specifications and include in procurements. Develop “checks and tests” for factory acceptance testing and commissioning
Construction	Construction site safety and contractor safety.
Commissioning	Conduct “checks and tests” including factory acceptance. Pre-start up safety reviews. Development of SOPs. Risk / exposure assessment. Management of residual risks.
Start Up and Occupancy	Education. Management of change. Modification of SOPs

Safety Payoff During Design

Considering Safety During Design Offers the Most Payoff ⁵



Benefits from PtD

- Reduced site hazards so fewer injuries
- Savings from reduced workers compensation insurance costs
- Increased productivity
- Fewer delays due to accidents
- Encourages designer-constructor collaboration

Business Value

- The AIHA Value Strategy* demonstrated the most significant business contributions result from...
 - Anticipating worker exposures and designing process improvements to reduce or eliminate these exposures
 - Aligning health and safety interventions with business goals
 - Integrating health and safety risk management requirements into the design process
 - Facilities, equipment, tools, processes, products and work flows
- ...resulting in significant contributions to business profitability

**www.ihvalue.org*

OSHA Regulations

- “Code of Federal Regulations” (29 CFR 1926)
- States can have more stringent regulations
- Updated annually



Steel Erection eTool

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Despite being covered since 1971 under the original steel erection standard, America's 56,000 steel erectors continue to suffer 35 [fatal accidents](#) per year, a rate of one death per 1,600 workers. OSHA estimates that 30 of those deaths, as well as nearly 1,150 annual lost-workday injuries, will be averted by compliance with provisions of the new standard, developed with industry and labor through [negotiated rulemaking](#). To that end, this eTool* has been created to educate employers and workers about the revised standard (Subpart R).



Topics

- » [Site Preparation](#)
- » [Cranes](#)
- » [Structural Stability](#)
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*eTools are web-based training tools on occupational safety and health topics. They utilize graphical menus as well as expert system modules. As indicated in the [disclaimer](#), eTools do not create new OSHA requirements.

Steel Erection eTool Website, Available at www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/steelerection/index.html

Construction Hazards ^{7, 8}

- Falls
- Ergonomics/Musculoskeletal Injuries
- Falling Objects
- Tripping



http://nycammlaw.com/personal_construct.html

Falls

- Number one cause of construction fatalities; in 2004, they accounted for 445 of 1,234 deaths, or 36 percent ⁷
- Common fall situations include making connections, walking on beams or near openings such as floors or windows
- Fall protection for steel erection required at height of 15 feet above a surface ¹⁰
- Causes include slippery surfaces due to water, ice or oil, unexpected vibrations, misalignment, and unexpected construction loads.

Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

- Last line of defense against injury ⁴

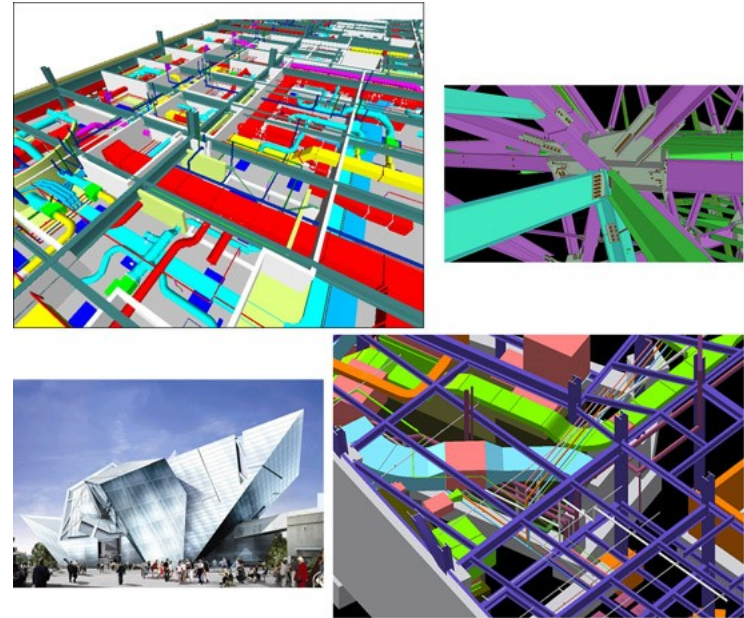
Includes but not limited to:

- Hardhats
- Steel-toed boots
- Safety glasses
- Gloves
- Fall harnesses



PtD Process Tasks ^{11, 12}

- Perform a hazard analysis
- Incorporate safety into the design documents
- Make a CAD model for member labeling and erection sequencing



http://dcom.arch.gatech.edu/class/BIMCaseStudies/Readings/BIM_Symposium_files/fig9small.jpg

Designer Tools

- Checklists for Construction Safety ¹³
- Design for Construction Safety Toolbox ¹⁴
- Construction Safety Tools from the UK or Australia
 - CHAIR ⁴

Example Checklist

Item	Description
1.0	Structural Framing
1.1	Space slab and mat foundation top reinforcing steel at no more than 6 inches on center each way to provide a safe walking surface.
1.2	Design floor perimeter beams and beams above floor openings to support lanyards.
1.3	Design steel columns with holes at 21 and 42 inches above the floor level to support guardrail cables.
2.0	Accessibility
2.1	Provide adequate access to all valves and controls.
2.2	Orient equipment and controls so that they do not obstruct walkways and work areas.
2.3	Locate shutoff valves and switches in sight of the equipment which they control.
2.4	Provide adequate head room for access to equipment, electrical panels, and storage areas.
2.5	Design welded connections such that the weld locations can be safely accessed.

Steel

DESIGN, DETAILING AND FABRICATION PROCESS

Three Entities Associated with Design

- Engineer
- Detailer
- Fabricator



<http://www.prlog.org/10246402-affordable-cad-steel-detailing-structural-steel-drafting-services.html>

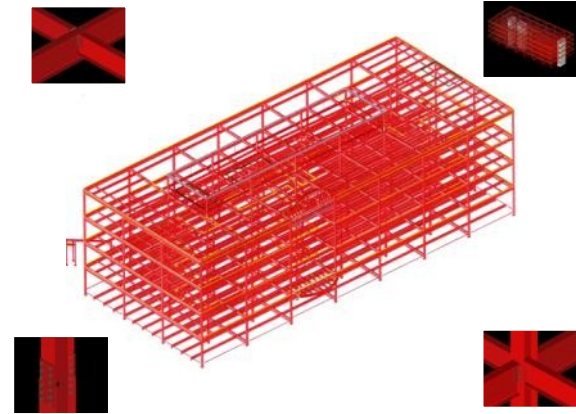
Design process across the U.S.

Design Phase

- Owner tells A/E requirements for building
- Designer runs analysis on design according to building codes
- Building is designed for:
 - Safety, serviceability, constructability, and economy
- Final Design Specifications and Drawings are given to client
- Design calculations are safely stored by designer

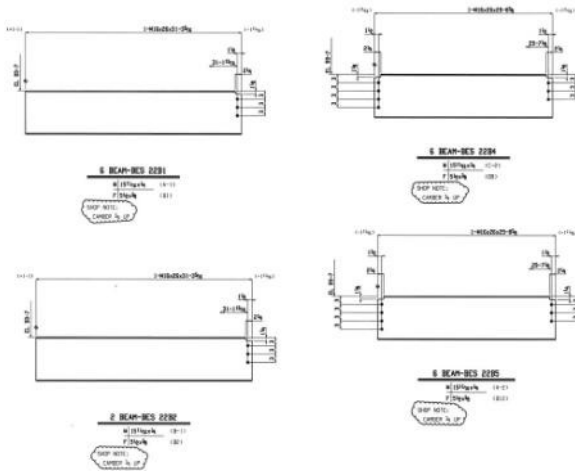
Detailing ¹⁵

The fabricator receives the engineer's drawings; then they will be programmed into computer software to help visualize the connections



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Shop Drawings ¹⁵

While detailing, the fabricator makes drawings containing specific information about how to fabricate each member

Fabrication¹⁵

To achieve its final configuration the steel may be:

- Cut
- Sheared
- Punched
- Drilled
- Fit
- Welded



Each final member is labeled with a piece mark, length, and job number for identification



Transportation

Members are transported via:

- Flatbed truck
- Train
- Waterways



cs.trains.com/trccs/forums/p/161645/1780701.aspx



www.cranetruckservices.com.au/cranetrucks.html

Steel

ERECTION PROCESS

Unloading and Shake-Out ¹⁵

- Steel members are unloaded from the trucks and placed on blocking to allow chokers to be easily attached.
- Shake Out: when members are sorted on the ground to allow for efficient erection.



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Picking and Hoisting ¹⁵

- Cranes are used to lift members into place
- Columns have a hole at an end that is used to pick it up
- Beams have chokers tied around their center of gravity, and multiple beams can be lifted at once



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Positioning and Initial Bolting ¹⁵

Each beam is lowered into place, and a worker will line it up correctly using drift pins. At least two bolts are attached before the crane releases the load (OSHA requirement).



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Final Bolting¹⁵

Once everything is assured to be in the correct position, the final bolting is performed using a torque wrench or similar tool.



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EXAMPLES OF PREVENTION THROUGH DESIGN

Topics

Topics	Slide Numbers
Prefabrication	
Access Platforms	
Columns	
Beams	
Connections	
-Bolts	
-Welds	
Miscellaneous	

Prefabrication ¹⁶

- Shop work is often faster than field work
- Shop work is less expensive than fieldwork
- Shop work is more consistent due to a controlled environment
- Shop work yields better quality than fieldwork
- Less work is done at high elevations which reduces the risks of falling and falling objects

Example: Prefabricated Truss

- Less connections to make in the air
- Safer and faster



www.niconengineering.com

Access Help

- Shop installed vertical ladders
- Bolt on ladders and platforms can be removed later, or kept for maintenance



Column Safety

- Column Splices
- Holes for safety lines
- Base plates



http://www.dartmouth.edu/~opdc/images/nvh/summer06/071906_1.jpg

Column Splices

- Have column splice around 4 feet above the working floor ¹⁷
- OSHA Requirement



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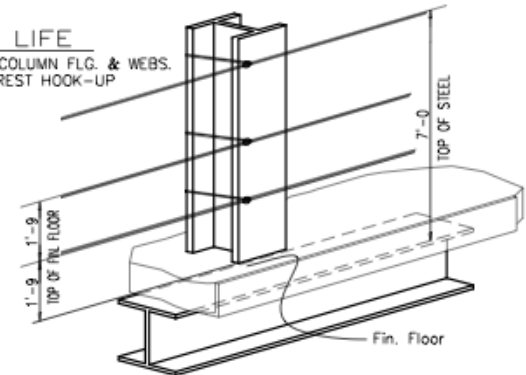
Holes for Safety Lines

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- Include holes at 21 inches and 42 inches for guardrails.
- Additional higher holes can also be included for lifeline support.

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FOR SAFETY LINES & FALL ARREST HOOK-UP

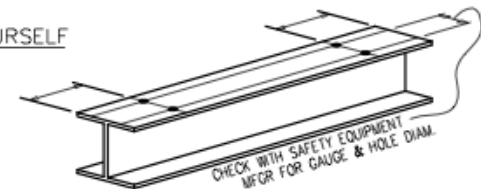
ATTACH YOURSELF



TYPICAL SAFETY LINE HOLES ON COLUMN



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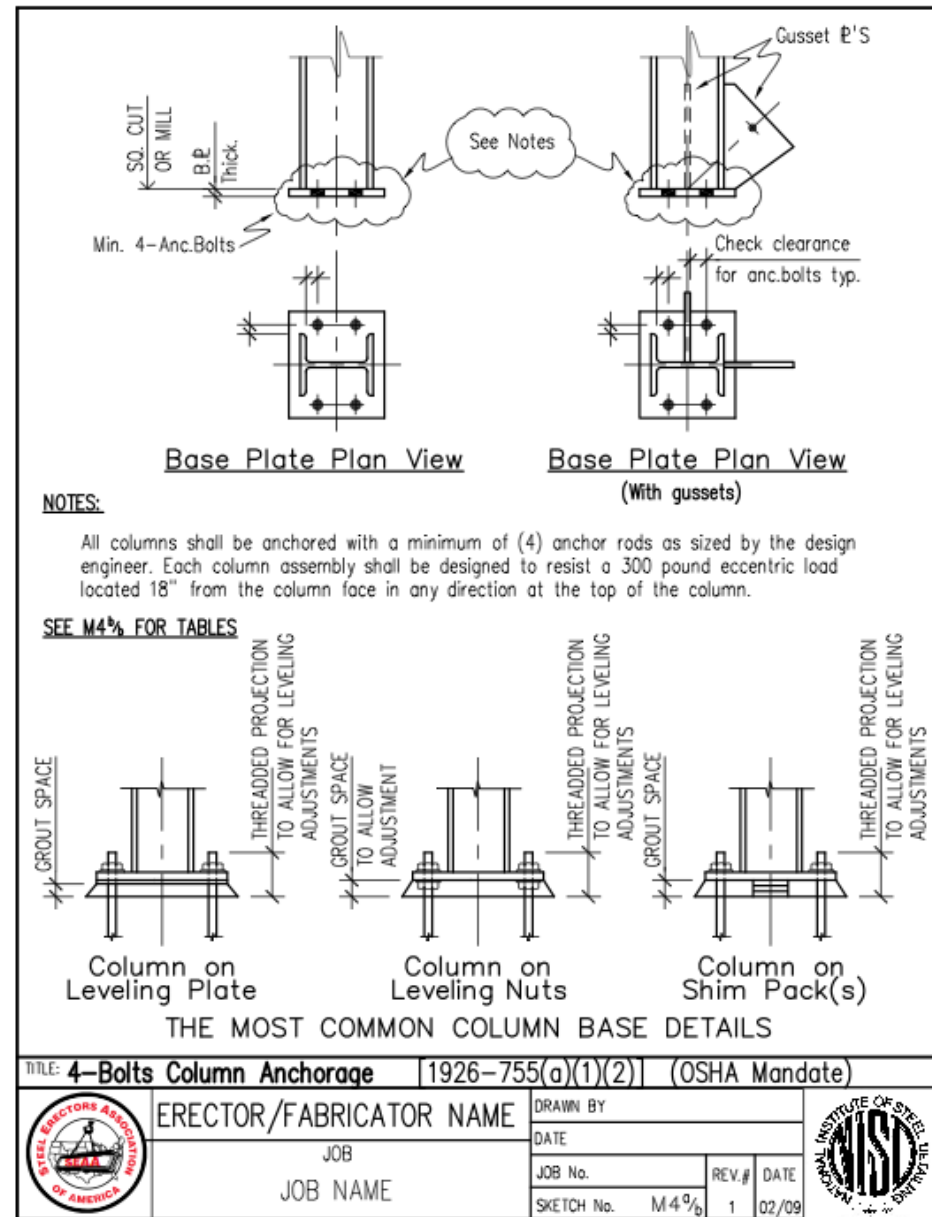
TYPICAL SAFETY TIES HOLES ON BEAM

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Base Plates 18, 19

- Column Base Plates should always have at least 4 anchor rods bolted in.
- OSHA Requirement



Beams and Girders

Workers walk on beams to get to connections or other columns, which makes falling a common hazard. Being mindful of the following can greatly increase safety:

- Beam Width
- Use of Cantilevers
- Ability to Support Lifelines



<http://pacosteel.com/images/photos/Paco%20Floor%20joists.jpg>

Beam Width ¹⁸

For good walking surface, use a minimum beam width of 6 inches.



<http://www.rayconsteel.com/Pictures/WalkingSteel.JPG>

Use of Cantilevers¹⁸

Minimize the use of cantilevers for the following reasons:

- Cantilevers are not good for tying off
- It is harder to make connection



http://www.carpenterscenter.com/2009/05/cantilever-erected_14.html

Ability to Support Lifelines ^{18, 19}

- Design beams near or above openings to be able to support lifelines.
- The contract drawings should make clear how many lifelines each beam can support, and at what locations they can be attached.



Connections

Connections are very important, but they can be very difficult to install during construction.

There are two main methods of making connections:

- Bolts
- Welds



Bolts

For safe bolted connections,
consider:

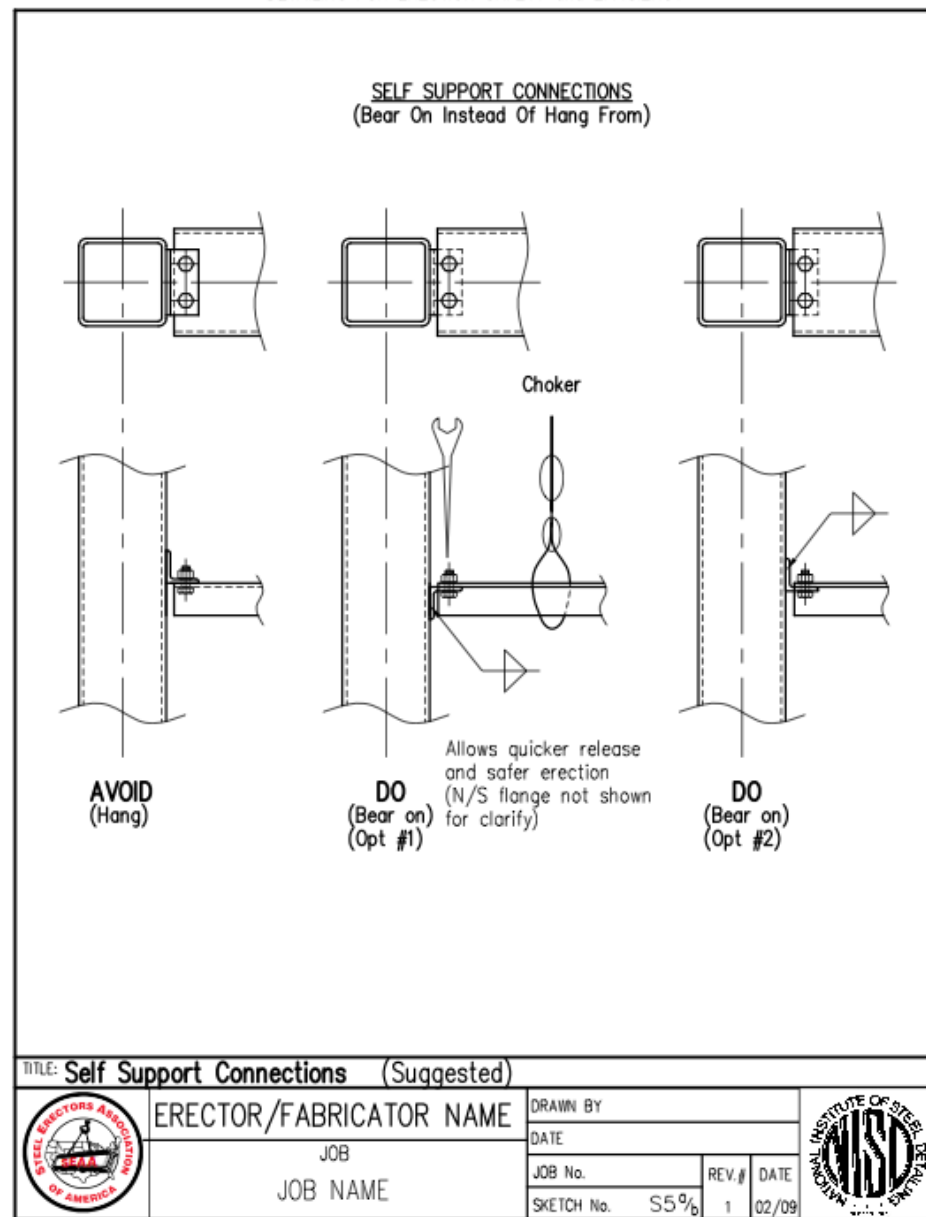
- Self-Supporting Connections
- Double Connections
- Erection Aids “Dummy Holes”
- Bolt Sizes
- Minimum Number of Bolts
- Awkward or Dangerous Connection Locations



²¹ AISC “Bolting and Welding”

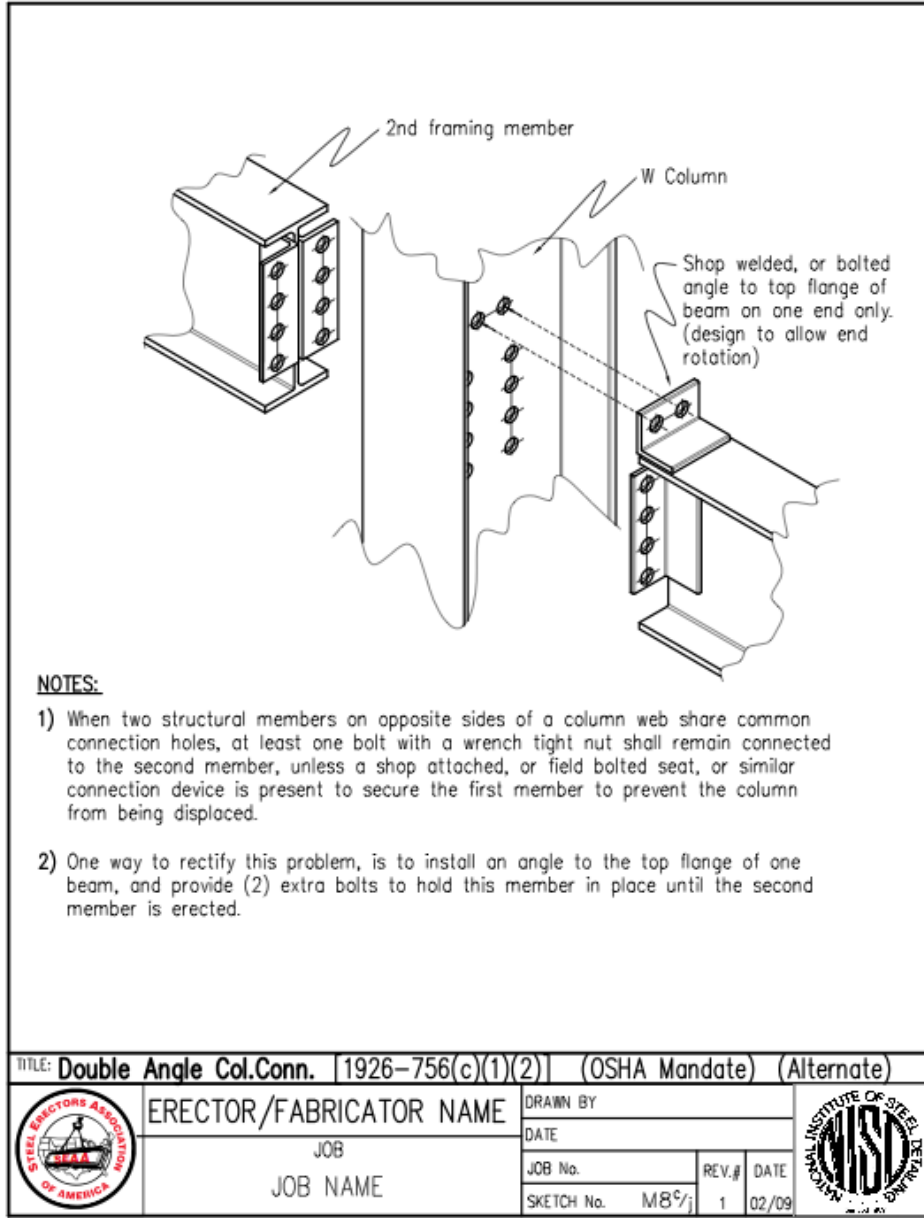
Self Supporting Connections 18, 19

- Avoid hanging connections
- Consider using beam seats



Double Connections 18, 19

- Avoid beams of common depth connecting into the column web at the same location
- If double connections are necessary, design them to have full support during the connection process.
- OSHA Requirement



Alternate Double Connection



Erection Aids “Dummy Holes” ¹⁸

- Provide an extra “dummy hole” in the connection, where a spud wrench can be inserted.
- This is most appropriate when there are only two bolts



Courtesy Bucknell University Facilities

Bolt Sizes¹⁸

- Use as few bolt sizes as possible



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Minimum Number of Bolts ¹⁸

- Use a minimum of two bolts per connection
- OSHA Requirement



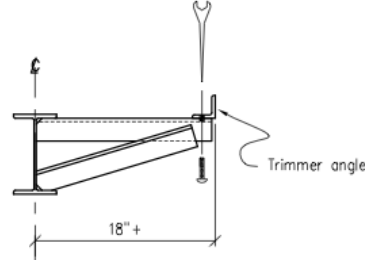
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Avoid Awkward or Dangerous Connection Locations

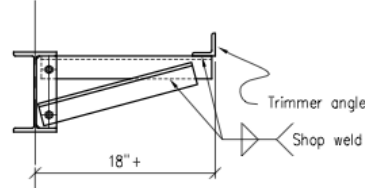
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- Time-consuming and dangerous
- Can cause strain


DETAILING FOR ERECTION SAFETY and EFFICIENCY




Problem: Bolting or welding at this location forces connector or welder to hang his body weight out of position.



Solution: Could be to shop weld trimmer angle with bracket angles and field bolt to a tab plate or stiffener where the connector does not have to "Hang Out" to make connection always consider the erector's access.

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Welds

Welding is when the base metal of the desired components is heated and fused together. For safe welded connections, you should consider:

- Avoiding Awkward or Dangerous Connection Locations
- Immediate Stability
- Welding Location
- Welding Material



http://www.wildeck.com/images/about_us/manufacturing_welding_lg.jpg

Immediate Stability ¹⁸

Provide pin-holed or bolted connections to provide immediate stability after placement of members.

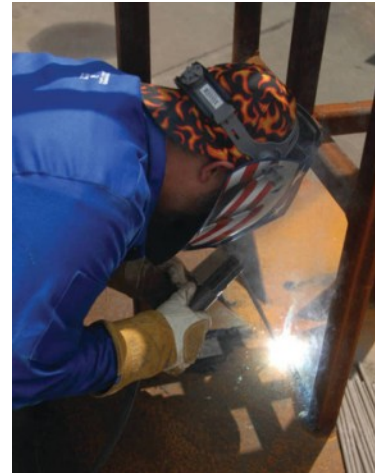


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Welding Locations ¹⁸

Design to have welding performed in shop rather than in field

If field welds are necessary, design should attempt to have them in convenient locations



<http://www.archithings.com/new-70z24-stick-electrode-from-hobart-brothers/2009/01/08/7024-stick-electrode-hobart-brothers>



http://www.powermag.com/issues/departments/focus_on_o_and_m/Focus-on-O-and-M-August-2008_1382_p3.html

Welding Material ¹⁸

Welding can be a fire hazard and can emit toxic fumes. Always be aware of what material is being welded.



<http://romeiron.com/images/Welding-3.jpg>

Other Methods for Safer Construction

- Avoid Sharp Corners
- Access Problems
- Temporary Bracing
- Crane Safety
- Member Placement
- Tripping Hazards



<http://www.gic-edu.com/uploads/structural%20steel%20cxn2.jpg>

Avoid Sharp Corners ¹⁹

Corners can cause clothing or wires to get snagged resulting in falling objects or tripping hazards.

They could also cause scratches or cuts.

Problem: Dangerous corners can snag clothes or puncture skin in field or shop.

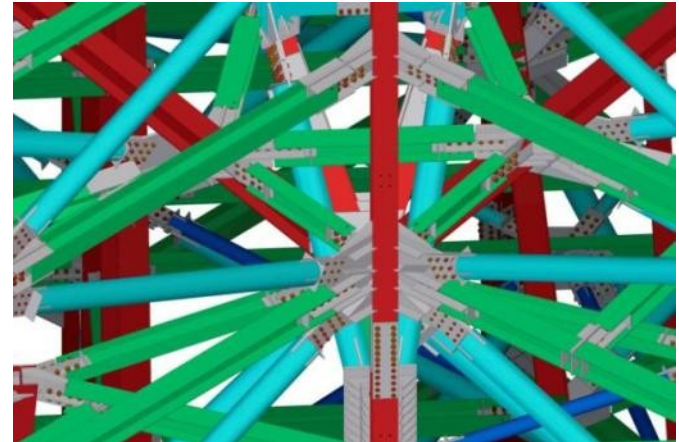
Solutions: Could be to clip gussets corner **Or:** Hide the gusset corner within the bracing depth

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Access Problems

A complicated connection will take much more time to complete, and are potentially more dangerous if they require awkward positioning

- Provide Enough Space for Making Connections
- Small Column Size Access
- Hand Trap



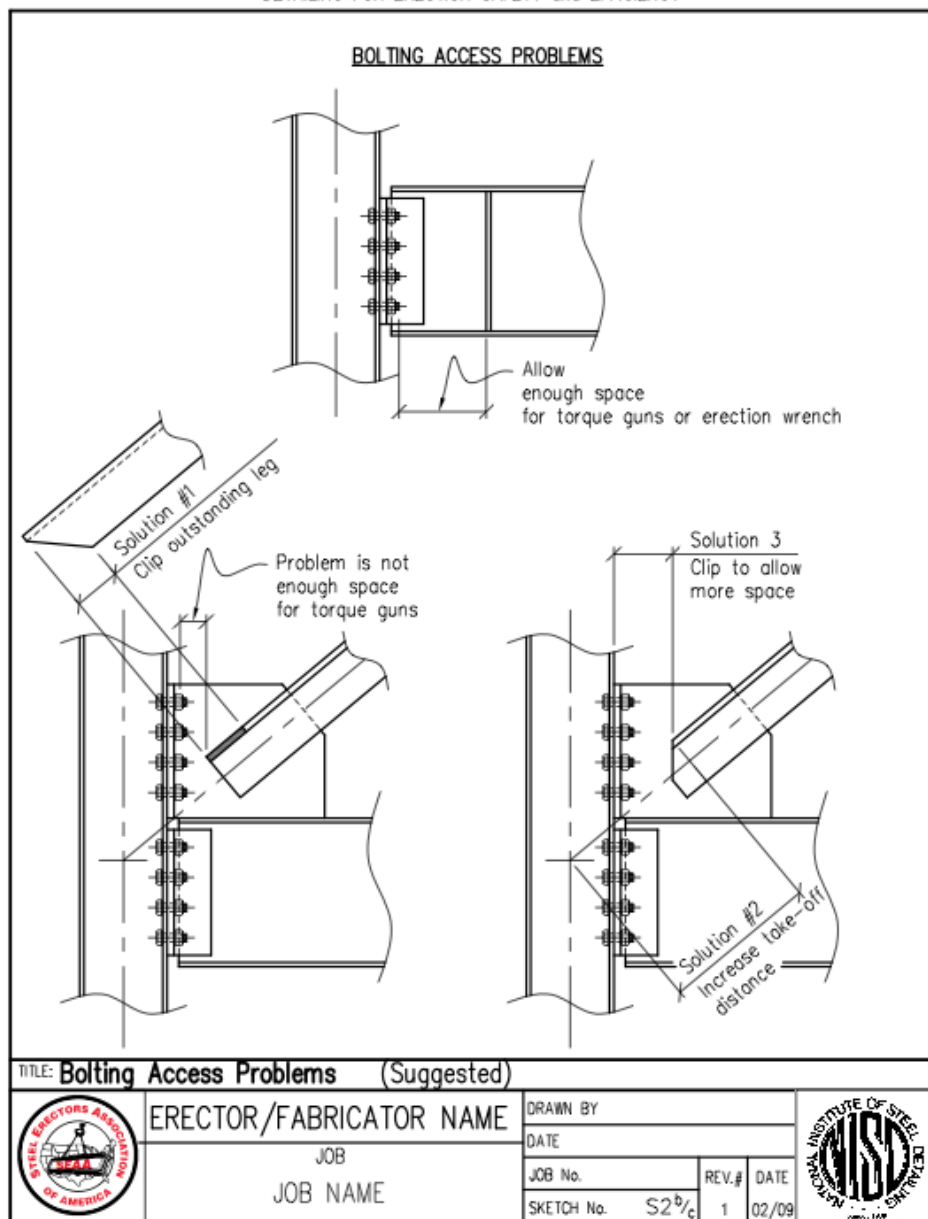
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<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/environment/images/heritage/4305027b5.jpg>

Provide Enough Space for Making Connections ¹⁹

There may not be enough space for common tools
 These connections can be made better by clipping away portions or increasing distances



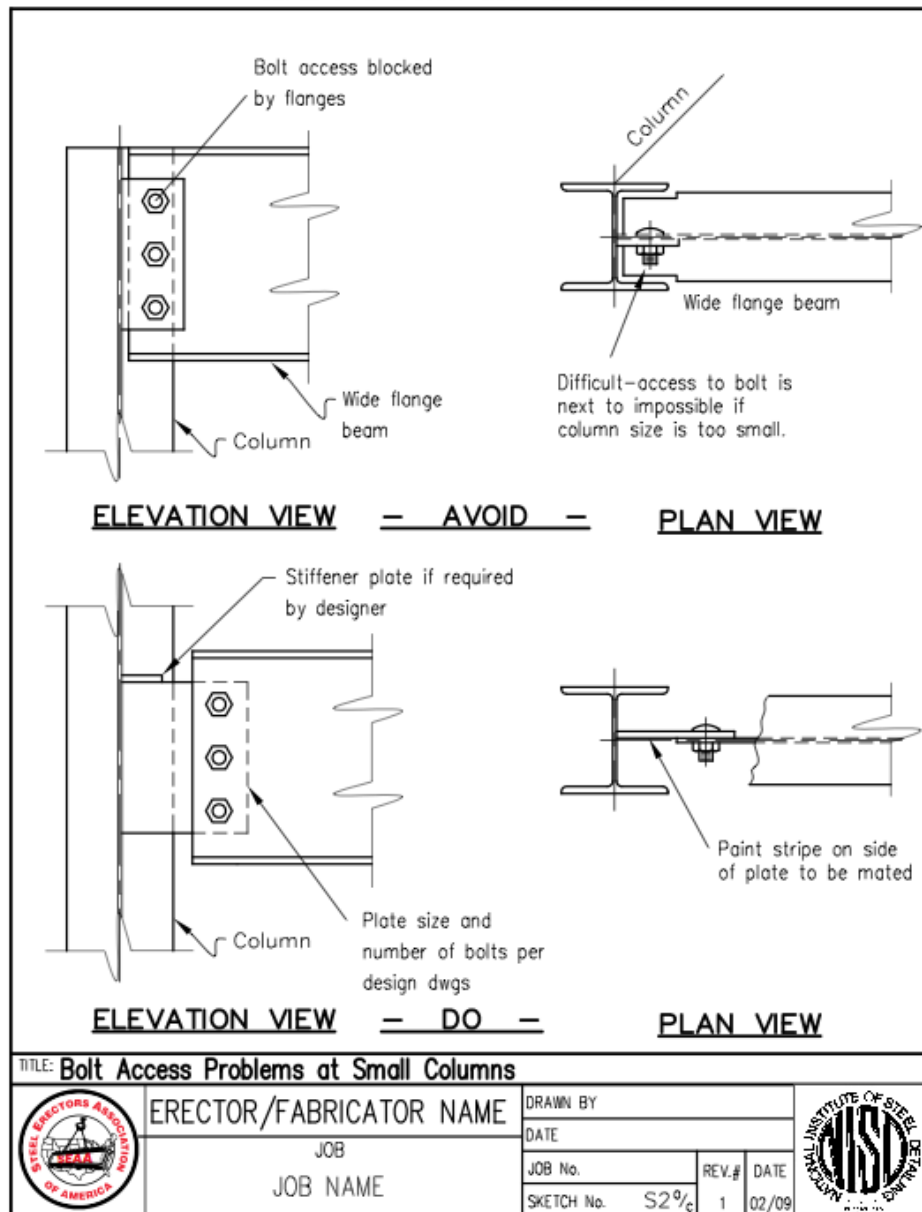
Small Column Size

Access ¹⁹

Small column depth can make connections difficult

Access to bolts can be blocked by the column flanges

Attach a tab to the column



¹⁹ NISD and SEEA, *Detailing Guide For Erector's Safety & Efficiency*

Hand Trap ¹⁹


The situation shown can create a dangerous hand trap


A solution is to cut out a section of the flange to allow access to the bolts

Solution:
 Could be to cut out a flange section to allow access

Problem: - This very common situation creates a potentially difficult and dangerous trap.
 - Access to bolts holes is not possible for erection wrenches and for torque guns and hands can be caught between beams and wall if not enough space is available.

TITLE: Access Problem / Hand Trap

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Know Approximate Sizes of Tools ¹⁹

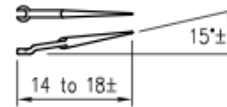
“Knuckle-busting” – when workers’ knuckles get damaged from trying to fit their hands into a tight space



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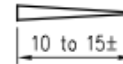
Here are sketches showing what tools look like along with dimensions to allow proper clearances when detailing in tight corners...
(Exact dimensions should be checked with actual manufacturer's and/or erector technical data)

The Erection Wrenches



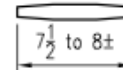
This "Connector" tool is used to guide pieces and align holes, hold parts in alignment while bolting, also known as "Spud Wrench" or "Spanner" (works best with a minimum of two holes connection)

The Bull Pins



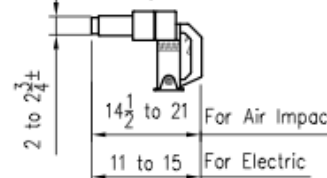
Are used to "Pull pieces together by hammering its tapered shaft into misaligned holes.

The Drift Pins



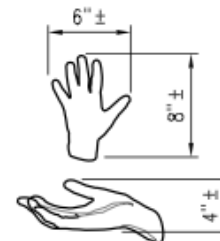
Are used to align large connection parts together. It is hammered in and has the same constant diameter as the holes in the connection.

The Torque Guns



Are used to torque bolts to proper tension. Two types are seen on jobs the impact guns (compressed air driven) or the electric guns (used with T.C. bolts). Note that electric guns have a fixed drive and have to be operated in line with bolts.

The Hands



This most important "Connector's" equipment is used for holding the tools, inserting bolts, maneuvering pieces into place, signaling to others... Good detailing practices should always allow enough space to insert that tool for "Making" the connection. Bear in mind that in cold weather it is gloved and needs more space.

TITLE: The Tools of The trade



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Crane Safety

- Erection will require cranes to lift members into place, which can be difficult due to the site layout.
- It is very useful to put the site utilities on plans to assist with crane management.
- It is ideal to consult with the contractor when designing for crane safety.

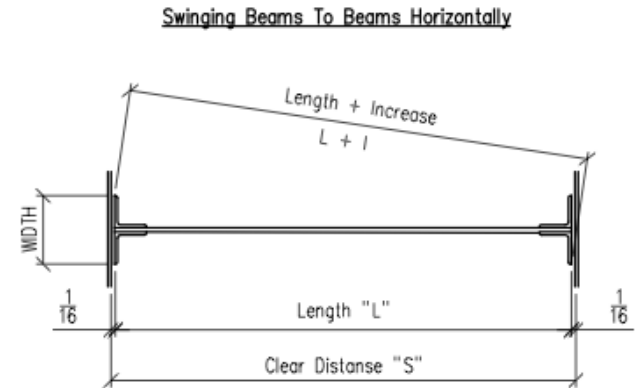


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Member Placement ¹⁹

All members must have enough space to fit between columns


Not enough space can lead workers to tilt columns to make it fit




Note: If length plus increase exceeds clear span "S", beams cannot be swung without moving supporting beams or beating into place. This is objectionable and in some cases impossible. Refer such conditions to Project Manager.

Width in Inches	INCREASE "I"																		
	CLEAR DISTANCE "S" IN FEET																		
	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
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7	3/8	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	0	0
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11	7/8	5/8	1/2	1/2	3/8	3/8	3/8	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8
12	1	3/4	5/8	1/2	1/2	3/8	3/8	3/8	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8
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16	1 3/4	1 3/8	1 1/8	7/8	3/4	3/4	5/8	5/8	1/2	1/2	1/2	3/8	3/8	3/8	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
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18	2 1/4	1 3/4	1 3/8	1 1/8	1	7/8	3/4	3/4	5/8	5/8	1/2	1/2	1/2	3/8	3/8	3/8	1/4	1/4	1/4

TITLE: **Swinging Beams To Beams Horizontally**

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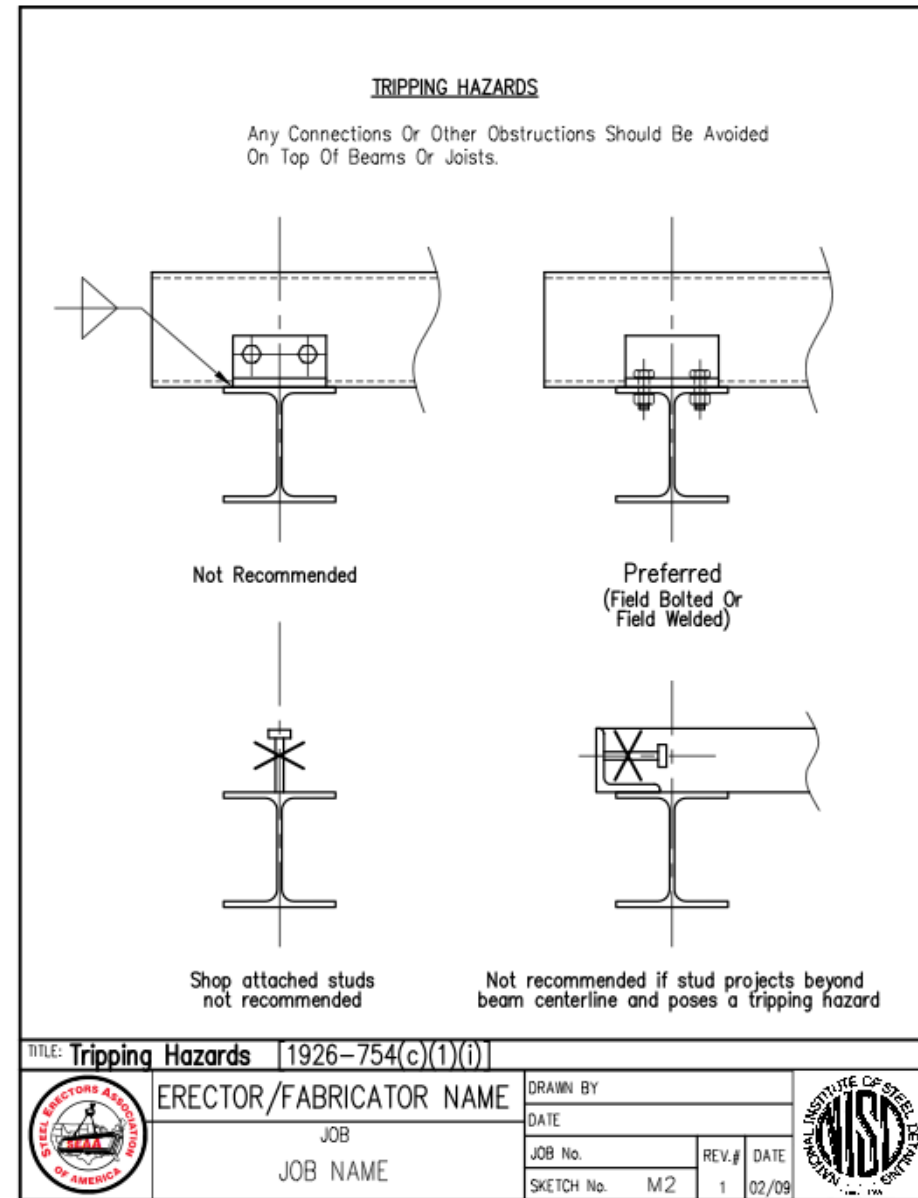


Tripping Hazards 19

Avoid having connections on top of beams and joists



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Recap

- Prevention through Design is an emerging process for saving lives, time and money.
- PtD is the smart thing to do. PtD is right thing to do.
- While site safety is ultimately the contractor's responsibility, the designer has the most power to create drawings with good constructability.
- There are tools and examples to facilitate Prevention through Design.

Help make the world a safer place

Perform Prevention through Design on your projects

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