



CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY: IMPROPER MATERIAL STORAGE & DEBRIS PLACEMENT DURING DEMOLITION

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ERRORS IN MATERIAL STORAGE AND DEBRIS PLACEMENT DURING DEMO OPERATIONS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO CONSTRUCTION FAILURE AND INJURY



Demolition materials and debris must be placed, stored, and removed pursuant to the requirements of the approved demolition drawings and the New York City Construction Codes.

DO NOT store material, including demolition debris, in cavity spaces between structures, i.e., between independent walls. (*Figures 1 & 2*) The accumulation of material and debris results in unaccounted for forces on the existing structure. The pressure exerted by material and debris accumulation has the potential to lead to structural failure and injuries.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

At a minimum you should:

- safely store or pile all material in storage locations in a manner that will not overload any part of the structure or create any hazard
- clean all areas of debris on the construction site and demolition site at least daily.
- remove materials and debris in a manner that prevents injury or damage to the public or property
- review **Chapter 33** of the NYC Building Code for additional minimum requirements.

