

R403.1.6 Foundation anchorage. Sill plates and walls supported directly on continuous foundations shall be anchored to the foundation in accordance with this section.

Wood sole plates at all exterior walls on monolithic slabs, wood sole plates of *braced wall panels* at building interiors on monolithic slabs and all wood sill plates shall be anchored to the foundation with anchor bolts spaced a maximum of 6 feet (1829 mm) on center. Bolts shall be at least  $^{1}/_{2}$  inch (12.7 mm) in diameter and shall extend a minimum of 7 inches (178 mm) into concrete or grouted cells of concrete masonry units. A nut and washer shall be tightened on each anchor bolt. There shall be a minimum of two bolts per plate section with one bolt located not more than 12 inches (305 mm) or less than seven bolt diameters from each end of the plate section. Interior bearing wall sole plates on monolithic slab foundation that are not part of a *braced wall panel* shall be positively anchored with *approved* fasteners. Sill plate and sole plates shall be protected against decay and termites where required by <u>Sections R317</u> and <u>R318</u>. Cold-formed steel framing systems shall be fastened to wood sill plates or anchored directly to the foundation as required in <u>Section R505.3.1</u> or <u>R603.3.1</u>.

## Exceptions:

- 1. Foundation anchorage, spaced as required to provide equivalent anchorage to  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch-diameter (12.7 mm) anchor bolts.
- 2. Walls 24 inches (610 mm) total length or shorter connecting offset braced wall panels shall be anchored to the foundation with a minimum of one anchor bolt located in the center third of the plate section and shall be attached to adjacent braced wall panels at comers as shown in Figure R602.10.4.4(1).
- 3. Connection of walls 12 inches (305 mm) total length or shorter connecting offset braced wall panels to the foundation without anchor bolts shall be permitted. The wall shall be attached to adjacent braced wall panels at corners as shown in Figure R602.10.4.4(1).

