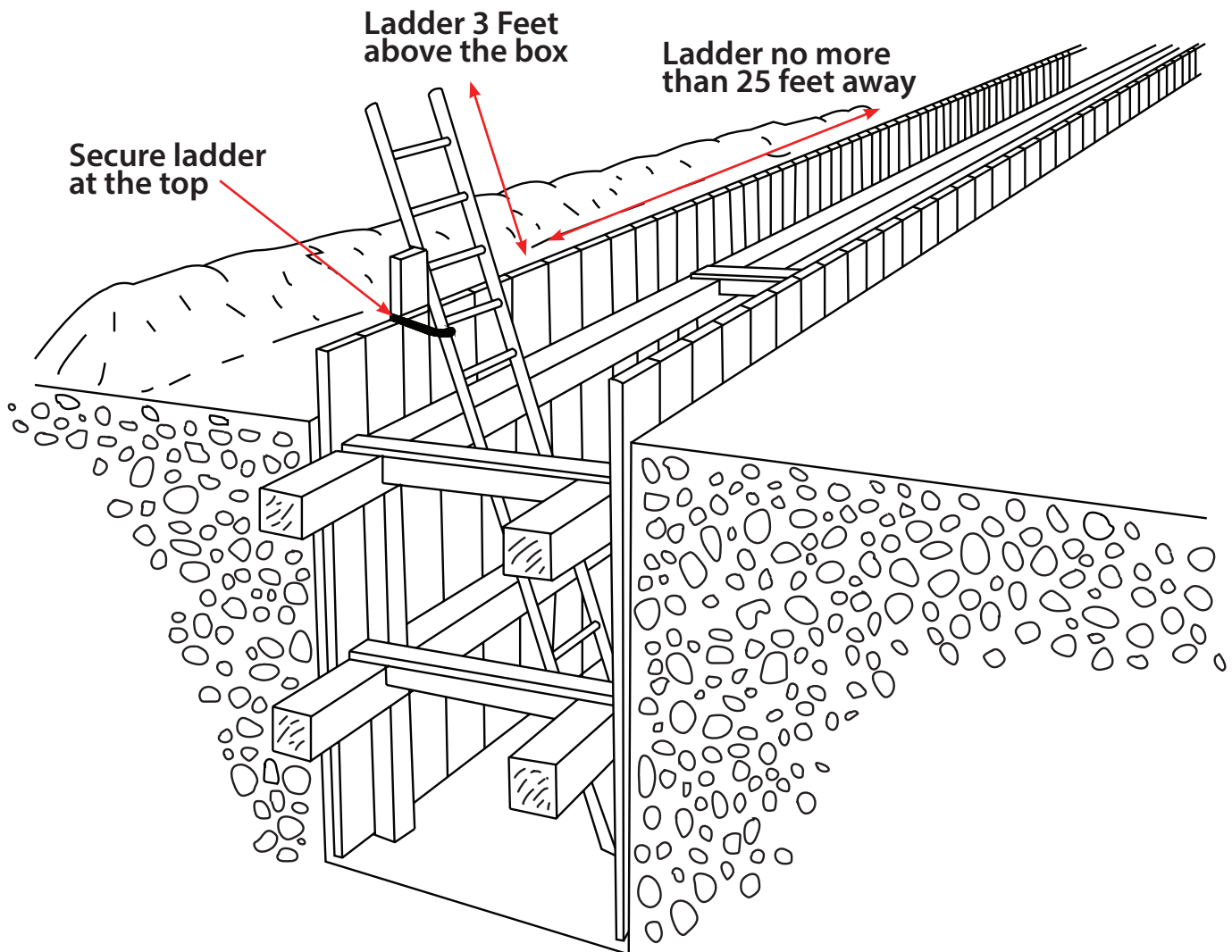


# TIMBER SHORING SAFETY

## Safe Work Practices:

- Best suited for shallow or irregular trenches
- Must be inspected regularly for damage
- A ladder must be installed inside the trench box at all times
- Ladder must be securely fastened at the top.
- Ladder must extend at least 1 metre (3 feet) above the box
- Ladder must be located no more than 7.5 metres (25 feet) from where workers are active



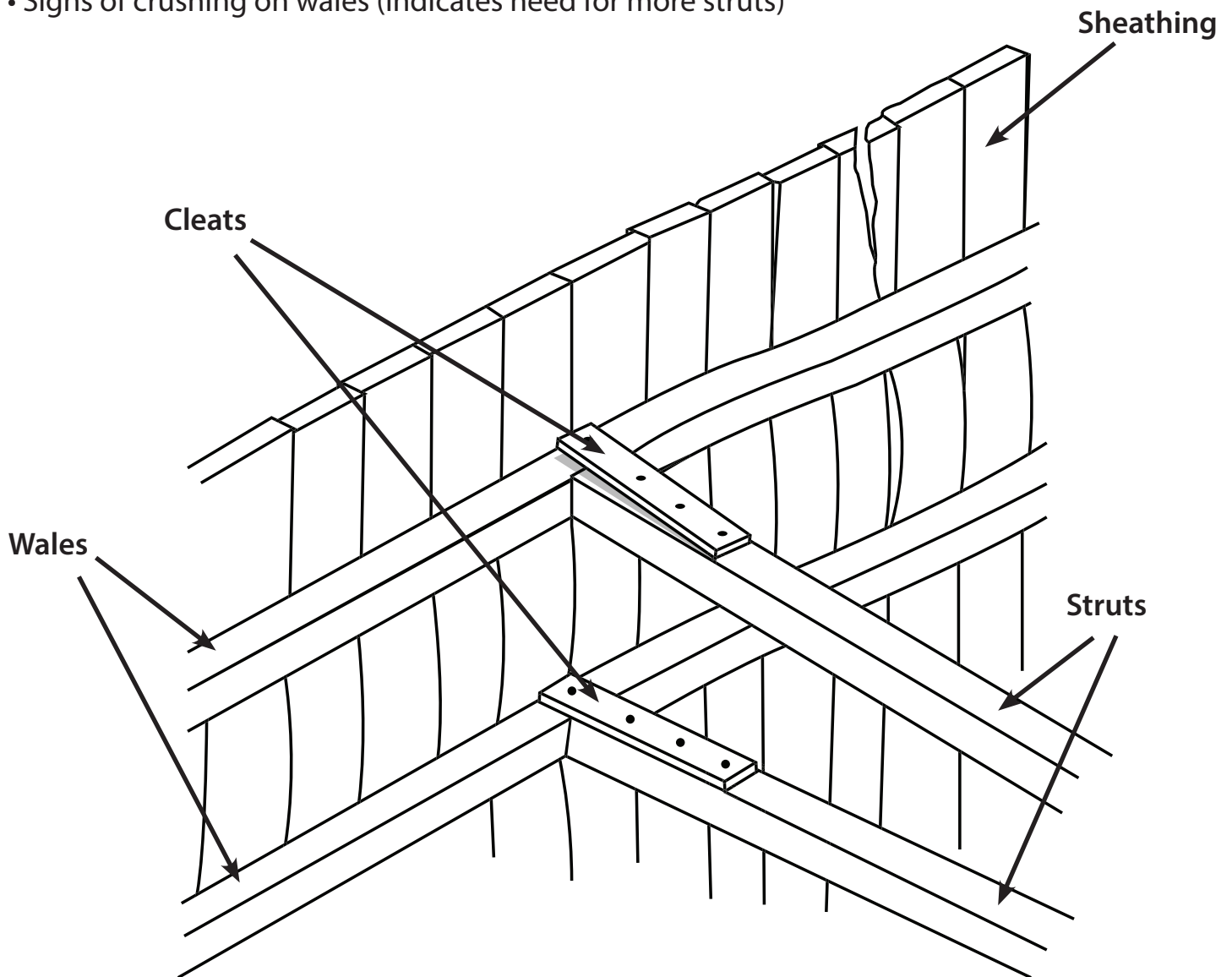
# Timber Shoring – Check Before and After Use:

## Before installation:

- Remove damaged or defective lumber

## After installation, inspect for:

- Cracked or bowed sheathing
- Crushed wales at joints
- Split or bowed wales
- Loose or missing cleats
- Off-level struts
- Signs of crushing on wales (indicates need for more struts)



**TIP:** Always verify that shoring timber sizes meet the requirements for trench depth and soil type