

	<b>STACKING &amp; STORING</b>	Date:
	<b>TOOLBOX / TAILGATE TALK</b>	Presenter:

## Stacking & storing Materials

### Introduction

1. Review any accidents or "near accidents" from the past week.
2. Describe the hazards of the work as they relate to your project. Explain or show the Safe way of doing the job.
3. Give the Tool Box Safety Talk

Stacking materials can be dangerous if workers do not follow safety guidelines. Falling materials and collapsing loads can crush or pin workers, causing injuries or death. To help prevent injuries when storing and stacking materials, take the following precautions

- In buildings under construction, avoid placing stored materials near a hoist-way or floor opening, or an exterior wall that doesn't extend above the top of the material.
- Observe height limitations. Stack lumber no higher than needed to handle manually.
- Remove all nails from used lumber before stacking.
- Make sure that stacks are stable and self-supporting.
- Stack bags and bundles in interlocking rows to keep them secure.
- Stack bagged material by stepping back the layers and cross-keying the bags at least every ten layers. To remove bags from the stack, start from the top row first.
- Do not lean material against a vertical surface.
- Do not store pipes and bars in racks that face main aisles to avoid creating a hazard to passersby when removing supplies.
- Make sure the floor/ deck is capable of supporting the weight of the stacked materials



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