

MATERIAL HANDLING AND STORAGE

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- Use proper safety gear and personal protective equipment when handling materials
- Use proper lifting techniques
 - Be mindful of posture and ergonomics
 - Team lift heavy and awkward loads
 - Use mechanical assistance (i.e. forklift) when required
 - Keep bystanders back when moving or stacking awkward or heavy items
- Store materials on solid, stable and level surfaces capable of supporting the load
- Keep workplace storage areas free from accumulation of materials that could create hazards from slipping, tripping, fire, or explosion
- Control vegetation in the storage area(s)
- Store materials so they do not create a hazard
- Secure stored items such as bundles, containers, and bags to prevent them from falling, sliding, or collapsing by doing one or more of the following:
 - Stacking
 - Racking
 - Blocking
 - Interlocking
 - Otherwise securing them
- Make sure stored items are limited in height so that they are stable and secure to prevent sliding or collapse.

