

# Safety Checklist: Falling Objects

Materials and objects need to be stored and stacked so they are not likely to fall and injure someone. Storage racking and shelving need to be strong and stable enough for the loads placed on them. To ensure that racking or shelving installations continue to be serviceable, you should:

- check them regularly to identify damage and necessary action
- report any damage, however minor, so that its effect on safety may be assessed
- affix maximum load notices and adhere to them strictly.

Appropriate precautions in stacking and storing include:

- safe stacking on sound pallets
- banding or wrapping to prevent individual articles from falling
- setting limits for the height of stacks to maintain stability
- regular inspection of stacks to detect and remedy any unsafe stacks
- proper instructing and training in safe stacking methods
- special arrangements for objects which may be difficult to store.