



## Material Storage

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Proper material storage is a vital part to every construction site and to good site housekeeping. This is especially true with finish hardware since it can take so long to receive the materials from the supplier after the order is placed. It also makes good sense, since materials have to be stacked and placed properly, to do it so you can access the materials easily and safely.

### Guide for Discussion

- Poorly stacked materials are dangerous to anyone around the jobsite.
- Keep aisles and passageways clear; never store materials in such a way as to block either.
- Never store materials within six (6) feet of a hoist way entrance, floor opening, or at second floors and higher.
- Segregate incompatible materials. Don't stack flammables next to combustibles.
- Never store more materials than are to be used immediately on scaffolds or runways.
- Remove all nails from lumber stacks.
- Block all cylindrical storage areas to prevent spreading or tilting.
- When possible, cross-tie tiers of a material to increase support.
- If heavy materials or large quantities of materials are to be stored on floors above grade, know the load limits of the floor and don't exceed them.

### Additional Discussion Notes:

Remember: One way to increase efficiency and safety on the job is to store materials correctly the first time. It just makes good sense.

NOTE: Always promote a discussion on any of the topics covered in the Weekly Safety Meeting. Should any question arise that you cannot answer, don't hesitate to contact the Safety Director.