



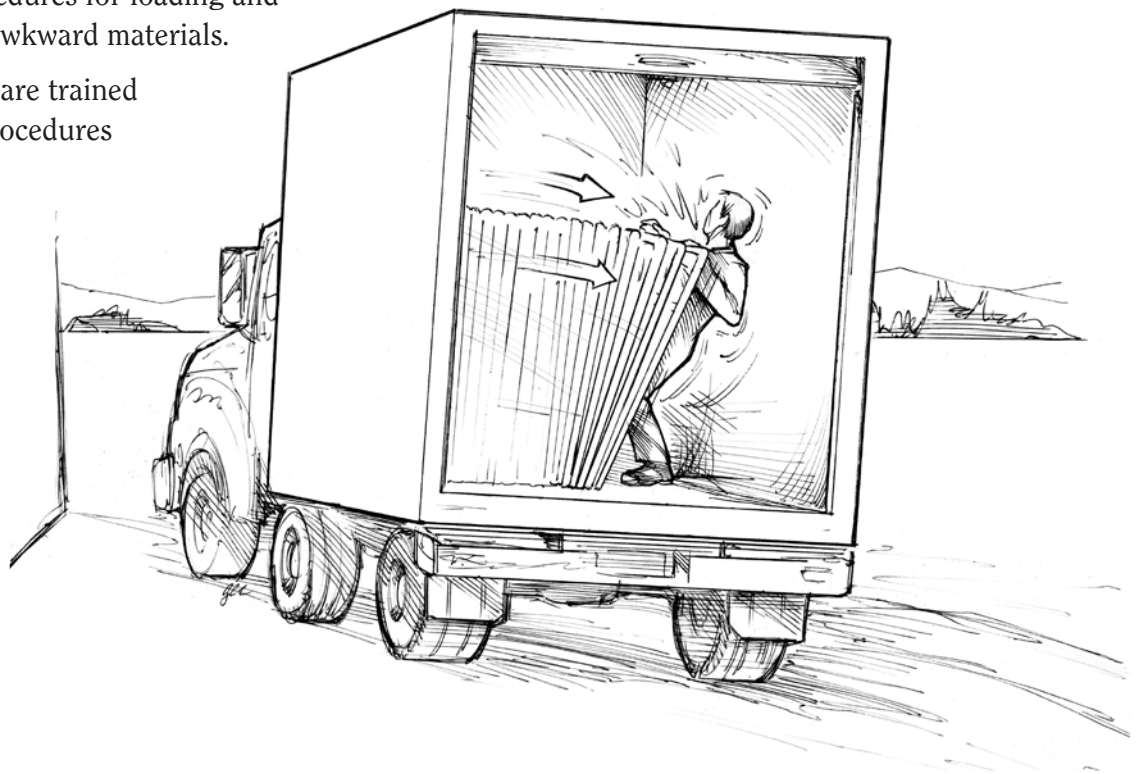
Fence panels tip over, crushing worker unloading them

A farm supply store was using a cube van to deliver heavy-duty livestock panels to a customer. The panels were strapped together with metal banding. A forklift loaded the bundle of panels into the back of the truck, placing it upright and close to one side of the cargo compartment. A worker then secured the bundle with a chain to a side rail to prevent the panels from tipping over while being transported.

At the farm, the worker removed the chain that had secured the panels so that they would not tip over. He tied a rope through the top of the panels to hold them together temporarily and then cut the metal banding. The worker was standing in front of the panels as he then removed the rope. The panels were unstable and tipped over. They pinned the worker against the inside wall of the cargo compartment, causing fatal crushing injuries.

Safe work practices:

- Stack materials in a stable and secure manner. If possible, place loads flat so they cannot fall over.
- When adjusting or releasing loads, do not stand in the fall zone of the load.
- Provide written procedures for loading and unloading heavy or awkward materials.
- Ensure that workers are trained and follow written procedures for loading and unloading materials.
- If the materials or equipment change, reassess the hazard and adjust the procedures if necessary.
- Use the right equipment for the task.



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