

Storing and Handling Materials

As part of an outdoor public engagement event, a team of students had set out chairs adjacent to a 4'x 8' plywood based chalk board. The chalk board was leaning against a light pole when a gust of wind blew the unsecured board onto an SFU employee hitting her in the head. The employee sustained a very large bump on the head, sore neck, a headache and confusion, and was later diagnosed with a concussion.

Materials and equipment must be placed, stacked or stored in a stable and secure manner. Stacked materials or containers must be stabilized as necessary by interlocking, strapping or other effective means of restraint to protect the safety of workers.

Things to consider

- How to secure large boards or objects
- The placement of large, heavy boards or objects
- Weather conditions if boards or objects are placed outdoors

