



GROCERY INDUSTRY

STOCKING TIPS

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10 STOCKING SAFETY TIPS

Follow these ten safety tips to help keep your employees and customers safe from slip, trip, and fall hazards during stocking operations.

- 1 Maintain good housekeeping on the sales floor and in the stock room to help prevent trips and falls.
- 2 Maintain clearance between rows and aisles on the sales floor and in the stock room to ensure there is adequate room around pallets and stacks of freight for customers and employees to safely maneuver around.
- 3 Immediately remove empty boxes, crates, and other debris from the sales floor after use.
- 4 Require employees to use a step stool or ladder to reach items on the top of pallets or high shelves, and immediately return stools, ladders, and carts to a designated storage area in the stock room after use.
- 5 If product staging is required during the day, place product on the sales floor in stacks at least three feet high to increase visibility and prevent trips and falls.
- 6 During store hours transport product to the sales floor using stocking carts or hand trucks instead of a pallet.
- 7 If stocking must be done from a pallet, place the pallet in an open and low-traffic area of the sales floor, and never leave empty pallets on the sales floor.
- 8 Train your staff to continuously monitor for and immediately remove any obstructions and clean up any potentially slippery spills.
- 9 Use highly visible cones, tape, or other markers to alert customers of an obstruction or spill in the stocking area while it's being cleaned up.
- 10 Document everything, including all preemptive measures, safety procedures, training, and regular store walk-arounds.

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