



# Equipment: Falling Objects

***Being struck by falling objects is a leading cause of construction fatalities. Even a small object, falling from a height, can cause serious or fatal injuries.***

## **Ted's Story**

Ted was picking up debris at a construction site. A forklift was lifting a pile of lumber to the second floor next to him. The lumber was not secure and fell from the forklift. One board struck Ted in the head. He was wearing a hard hat, but the incident left him with a concussion.

- ✘ **What could have been done to prevent this incident?**
- ✘ **Have you or someone you know ever been injured by a falling object on a job site?**

## **Remember This**

- Do not hoist loads or allow them to pass over people.
- Secure loads before lifting them by forklifts.
- Secure all tools in elevated work areas if they are close to leading edges.
- Always wear a hard hat.
- Ask your employer to place toe boards on all scaffolding and open elevations to protect workers below from falling materials.
- Stack materials neatly to keep them from toppling over.

## **How can we stay safe today?**

What will we do at the worksite to prevent workers from being struck and injured by falling objects?

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