

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

3.21 SAFE USE OF A DRYWALL CART

Safe Work Practices:

1. Always balance weight of drywall when in the cart.
2. Always be sure to place panels on cart with an equal distance from the center point of the cart to the edges of the panels.
3. Never overload the cart.
4. Always stand on the back side of the cart when in motion (the side opposite from the deck plate).
5. If the cart starts to fall, let it fall unless there is danger of another worker being injured.

Procedures:

1. Inspect cart daily for loose or worn parts, especially the casters. Replace parts at first sign of wear. Failure to replace worn parts may result in injury.
2. Be alert and aware of possible injuries, don't be careless.
3. Check the weight capacity of the cart.
4. Ensure the first panels loaded are snug up against the back upright framework.
5. When a cart is loaded, it should be moved by two people. One in the front watching for openings in the floor, trash or other obstructions that might impede the casters. The second person should be in the back making sure the panels stay firmly against the back framework and supervising any turns.
6. When turning the cart, use the low centre of gravity to make your turn. This means pulling the cart from the bottom of the framework.
7. Don't push or pull the top centre of gravity when turning the cart (top of framework), this will result in the cart tipping over and possible injury may occur.