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SMOHIT Safety Sense Toolbox Talks for the Sheet Metal Industry	<h3>Material Storage</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheet metal workers use different types of materials on the job everyday. In order to work efficiently and effectively, workers should follow the proper guidelines for storing these materials. • Materials stored in cartons should be kept away from moisture to keep cartons from collapsing. They should never be stacked higher than the height listed on the carton. • Organized Stacking Methods: Stacking materials keeps them from interfering with other activities and makes them more organized and readily accessible for use. Stacking materials also helps to create safe storage without danger to others and allows more room in the work area or on the jobsite. • Pipes should be stacked neatly and chocked so that they cannot roll. Rather than dumping pipes into a pile, neatly stack them for easy access and pick-up. Pipes and fittings should be stacked according to size so that you do not have to dig through the pile to find the piece required for the job. • Do not stack bagged material the same width all the way to the top of the pile. Instead, stack bagged material by stepping back the layers and cross-keying the bags at least every 10 bags high. • If the material you are stacking is too heavy to lift or to high to reach by yourself, ask for help. • Be sure to keep aisles and passageways clear in the storage area. • Taking the time to do the job of storing materials correctly can save space and time, and helps to avoid accidents and injuries. 	<h3>Instructor Tips</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point out or name examples of improperly stored materials around the workplace. • Point out examples of properly stored materials around the workplace.
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