

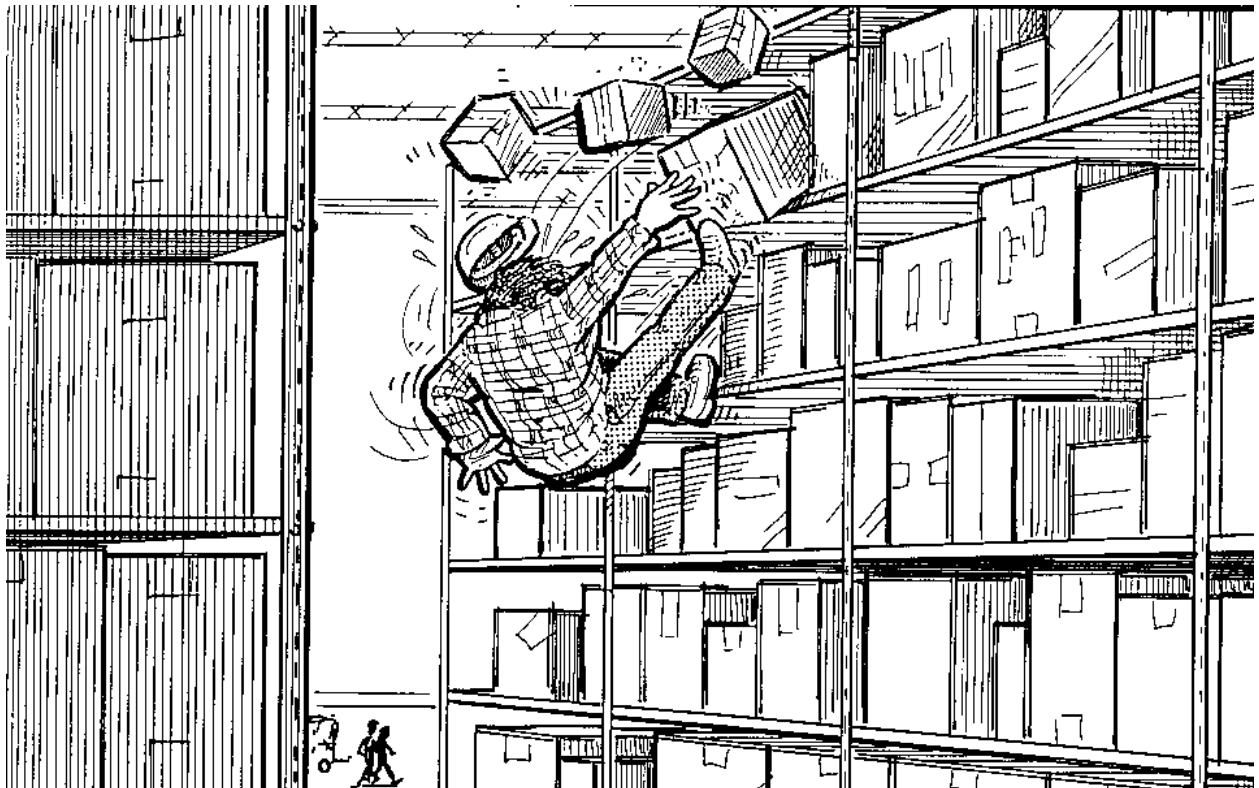
# Work **Safe!** Bulletin

## SAFE WORK PRACTICES WITH STEEL STORAGE RACKING

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A worker was fatally injured when he fell from a height of 2.5 meters (8 feet) from a steel storage racking. The worker was using the racking structure as a ladder in order to retrieve material.

The workplace was not equipped with proper equipment to assist workers in retrieving small quantities of material from the steel storage racking.



**Employers must ensure the safety of all workers when they are required to retrieve material from any elevated area.**

- A scissor-lift (elevating work platform), rolling staircase or properly designed "order-picker" are some of the alternatives that could have been used in this case.
- Where applicable, this equipment must be designed and used in accordance with the appropriate CSA Standard.
- A ladder must be used only for access to and egress from a work area.
- A ladder would not have been suitable in this situation since a worker should not carry materials up and down a ladder in order to be able to use both hands to safely climb.

For more information on Steel Storage Racking, contact the Workplace Safety and Health Branch and obtain a "Guideline"