

Accident with a toppling object

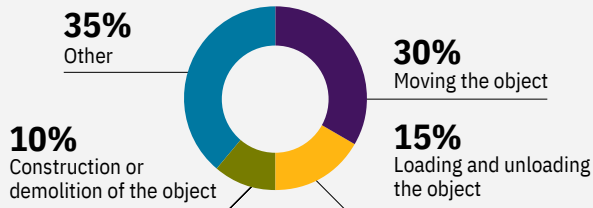
Practical Example

Every year serious accidents happen where the victim is hit by a toppling object. A practical example. Hank has gotten the task to move a number of wooden panels to another place in the workspace. The panels stand on a small concrete plinth against the wall, so steep that they are practically standing up straight. Because of the panels standing so steep, they are anchored to the back wall with a lashing strap. Henk releases the lashing strap and takes three panels of the plinth. With the removal of the fourth panel, it goes wrong. The panels that are still standing against the wall fall down. Hank tries to walk away but ends up half underneath the panels. He breaks his ankle and has a number of bruises.

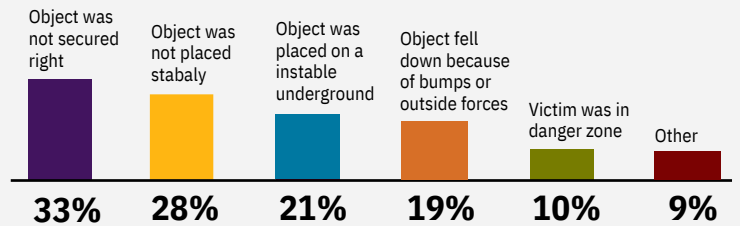


Facts and Figures

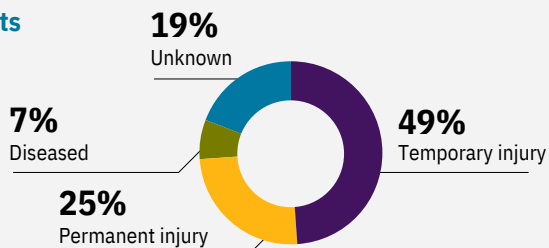
What was the cause of the falling object?



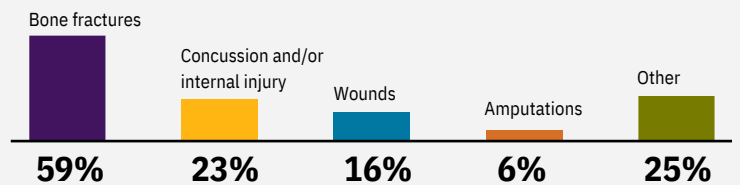
Where did it go wrong?*



Effects



Kind of Injuries*



*Multiple options possible

Safety Checks

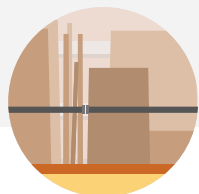
Set down the object on a firm and stable underground

Make sure the floor is even and check if the underground is big enough for the object. Also ensure that the object stands stable.



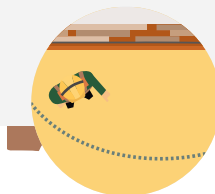
Prevent objects from being knocked over

Place objects in a way that they are protected enough and cannot be hit by other objects.



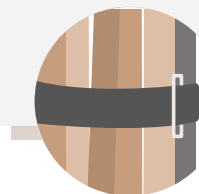
Stay at a safe distance and make sure others are doing the same

Clearly indicate the danger zone to protect yourself and others.



Secure objects that can topple

Objects that can topple need to be rightfully secured, mounted or anchored. Prevent objects from becoming too heavy.



These checks are about things that often go wrong. Other things can go wrong as well. Keep an eye out and make sure you can work safely.

