

Before Unloading Containers

One of the most dangerous activities in the stone industry involves unloading a container of slabs at your place of business. Because the container holds multiple slabs, there are several opportunities for accidents to happen if the unloading process is not precisely correct.

- ☐ Inspect the container to make sure that it has been properly loaded in the first place.
- ☐ As in any slab handling activity, be sure to inspect all of the systems, tools and supplies you will be using to unload the container.
- ☐ Always inspect the A-frames or any rack-system you will be unloading. Look for cracks, rust, bends or any worn wood footings – and replace them immediately as necessary.
- ☐ Do not exceed weight or number of slab limit of A-frames (some are labeled – if not, check with your supervisor).
- ☐ Identify the area in which you will be unloading, and then check out the fall shadow from the container and stay out of that area when slabs are being moved.
- ☐ Never allow anyone in the designated area while unbundling because it can cause distractions which may cause you to lose focus on the task at hand.
- ☐ Remember: the container you are about to unload was most likely loaded in a foreign land and you may not have prior knowledge of their safety precautions and how those precautions compare when applied to other containers you have unloaded.
- ☐ Stay alert! Stay alive!



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