



Toolbox Talk: A-Frame Rolling Carts, aka “Drywall Cart”

Manual movement of “A - Frame” rolling carts has the potential to expose workers to harm.

Careless handling of carts, incorrectly maintained equipment, and unforeseen incidents may lead to accidents & injury during transport of materials.

DO

1. Keep cart under control at all times.
2. Use 2 workers per cart. One in the front of the load and one at the rear.
3. Use a piece of dunnage to chock the wheels of the cart while loading and unloading.
4. Load dolly with face side out, weight of load on non-turning wheel.
5. Never walk backwards with the cart.
6. Ensure path is clear of obstructions, trash, extension cords, and floor depressions.
7. Transport materials keeping bundles intact when possible.
8. Carts should be stored in designated areas—not in aisles.
9. Keep hands clear of pinch points while moving through door frames and obstacles.
10. Keep the center of gravity of the load as low as possible. Place heavy objects below higher objects.
11. For extremely bulky items, strap the item to the cart.
12. When entering hoist elevators use transition plate.
13. Position dolly next to drywall or other material with wheels aligned in the direction the dolly will travel.
14. If a cart starts to overturn, get out of the way! Do not try to muscle it back up.
15. As wood has a tendency to sag and break, cart loads should be reduced when moving over ramps and platforms constructed of wood and/or plywood.
16. When placing gypsum board flat on the floor from a cart, slowly pull one bundle at a time from the cart. The suction of that action sometimes pulls more bundles/pieces from the cart at the same time.
17. Get permission before rolling a loaded cart over finished floors. Carts may damage finished floors, including those covered with wood, marble, tile, or carpet.

DON'T Stand on the sides of the cart.

DON'T Ride the carts on inclines!

DON'T Modify the cart in anyway.

DON'T Use a damaged cart.



DON'T Overload the cart.

DON'T Use in a manner not approved by the manufacturer

Care and Maintenance

- Drywall carts should not be abused by allowing their wheels to be slammed on the ground, or by roughly pushing and pulling them across trash-filled floors, bumps, or other rough surfaces.
- Carts should be inspected and maintained regularly, especially casters and wheels, which should be tightened and lubricated regularly.
- Defective or broken carts and/or casters or wheels should be taken out of service and repaired or replaced promptly