

**Employers need to ensure that racking systems are installed correctly, used as intended and maintained in good condition. Here are some tips.**



**NEAT RACKING**

- Neatly stacked pallets prevent merchandise from colliding with moving equipment or falling off the racks.



**BUFFER ZONES**

- Buffer areas at both ends of a racking system protect the racking. End guards and column guards act as bumpers to help create a buffer zone.
- Store fire hoses and extinguishers in this area where they are protected.



### PROTECTING RACKING

- Trained lift truck operators ensure that products are placed or retrieved without damaging the racking.



### INSPECTING RACKS

- Racking should be an integral part of the workplace inspection checklist.
- Racking inspection is management's responsibility and should be conducted by a trained and competent individual.
- Inspect racks periodically for damage to load beams, anchors and upright frames, corrosion, loose or missing bolts. Ensure safety features are intact.
- Perform plumb and torque testing annually.



### AIDING ERGONOMICS

- Well-designed storage racking with rollers helps prevent over-reaching to access stock.