



ULTIMATE A TO Z RACK SAFETY GUIDE



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Did you really think that investing in an industrial rack is enough? If you do, sorry to break your bubble, you are wrong. In the never-ending quest to boost material handling efficiency and productivity within the warehouses and production facilities, installing it wouldn't be enough; you also need to maintain it for better safety. Nowadays, it's gaining more attention, therefore, you should too be very attentive towards the same. Safety starts with attentiveness.

Keep your employees and store handlers aware or attentive to rack safety to minimize the risk of potential injuries. To make it fun and memorable, we have jotted down the top safety rules related to Racks for each letter of the alphabet. It can help you go from being **A**lert to ensure **Z**ero Accidents on your work site. So, what are we waiting for? Let's understand the A to Z of rack safety.



A For Attachment: While installing Racks, make sure they are well attached to the floor. It ensures better stability and protection against different types of forces; due to accidental impacts from forklifts, earthquakes, etc.

B For Beam: A beam of the rack should be secured, without any deformation and deflections, when loaded, as it helps obtain maximum safety. It should be as per the specific tolerance capabilities.



C For Clearance: Clearance is integral to minimize damage to pallet rack, their components and buildings, while ensuring smooth, safe and stress-free operations. Therefore, minimum clearance for maximum protection and proper handling is compulsory.

D For Detriment: Thoroughly analyze and inspect detriment on the rack and report it. Be very attentive and careful to every hidden issue found in the upper sections, back columns and braces and more, as even minor damage can cause a big accident.



E For Encumbered: Don't make the available space encumbered to ensure smoother flow and better safety while moving loads. Freeing up more floor space can also make a thorough inspection easier for quality auditors.

F For Forklifts: To prevent any potential damage within your warehouse facility, make sure the employee handling the forklift is well-trained and operate it according to defined speed limits.



G For Guard Rails: Make sure to place them at the end of the walkways, in front of the racks or near pedestrian walkways, as they ensure maximum protection in areas that have higher risks.



H For Height-To-Depth Ratio: For better accuracy and stability, make sure the rack is installed according to the defined height-to-depth ratio. Besides maintaining better stability in all challenges, it can also help you ensure better safety.

I For Inspection: A thorough inspection is a must, to ensure that the rack is damage-free and require no special maintenance or repairing. This little initiative can make a big difference in ensuring maximum safety within your facility.



J For Joints: Check all the joints between your beams and rack uprights to ensure they are secured and clipped as required.

K For KPIs (Key Performance Indicators): Planning and controlling have a direct connection. For maximum results, it is significant to track and measure your performance.



L For Load: Choose the rack according to loading configurations and make sure to not go overboard. Also, communicate regarding the same with forklift operators to prevent overloading conditions.

M For Maintenance: Time-to-time maintenance of the rack cannot be neglected. It may help you keep a tab on any damage to the rack, loose anchors if any or missing safety pins so that you can fix them within a time for ensuring maximum safety.



N For Netting: Safety netting in distribution facilities prevents stock from falling and unwanted injuries or accidents on the site. Therefore, you should get it done.



O For Oblique: Make sure the racks are not oblique, as they can otherwise cause obstruction. Consider it to avoid any issues or accidents on site.

P For Protection Tools: Make sure to use and install all the necessary protection tools like column guards and pallet stoppers, as it may help to prevent damage to racks.



Q For Qualified: For maximum rack safety, it is recommended to work with qualified engineers for designing, installation and inspection. Their experience, expertise and up-to-the-mark standards will eventually benefit you in the long run.

R For Report, Repair or Replace: Report even the minor issues, get them repair before they turn into a big catastrophe and replace them if needed. All these actions are significant for keeping your racks and employees safe.



S For Safety Pins: Safety Pins have a significant role in preventing beams from dislodging, and hence, their significance cannot be overlooked.

T For Training: Knowledge is a key that can help you prevent many problems. So, make sure all your employees trained and well-aware of recognizing and reporting rack damage to increase safety within your facility.



U For Unload: When you find any damage in the rack or risk of their collapsing, make sure to unload them as soon as possible.



V For Visibility: Visibility has a huge role in providing quick product access, searching flaws and ensuring safe operations. Therefore, make sure your facility has up-to-date lights for ensuring better brightness and safety.

W For Wire Mesh: Wire mesh comes very handy to prevent products from falling in a rack tunnel or overall facility. Besides ensuring products on the rack are safe, it reduces potential injuries to the man on the field.



X For X-Mark: Use X-mark or any other mark to flag observed damage on the rack. It will help you find it and prevent the use of it until its repairing or replacement. By this mean, you will be able to keep everyone aware and minimize risks of potential injuries.

Y For Yellow: Yellow is one of the standard safety colours that need to be used for pedestrian crossings within the warehouse for indicating a safe path to personnel.



Z For Zero Accidents: By putting all these protective measures to work, you will obtain maximum health and safety while ensuring zero damage to products and zero injuries to workers.

Keeping safety intact is indeed tough, and these tips can help you obtain that. To buy a high-quality rack, contact **Mex Storage Systems Pvt. Ltd.**
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