Do you feel secure?

Do you know if your load is?

Take the time to check for tipping/falling freight hazards prior to releasing securement devices such as rope, straps, or load bars. Don’t remove fasteners until you are sure the load won’t shift onto you.

- Take care while opening trailer doors. Open slowly so you can feel for the tension of load shift. Open one side at a time while standing behind the trailer door so you can use it as a shield.
- Before releasing freight, check to be sure the freight behind it is secure.
- Don’t turn your back on freight. Face it as you release its securement devices.
- Each load is different. Look for potential problems with your load. (Is it tall, narrow, double stacked, loose?) Develop a plan to safely release each type of load.
- Ask for help to hold or secure potential problem areas.
- Don’t try to catch falling freight — even a small package can be heavy.

Although loose freight, as shown in this photo, is common, it would be much safer to take the time to secure it.

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