# SMART LIFTING TECHNIQUE



BY MAINTAINING APPROPRIATE MANUAL HANDLING TECHNIQUES YOU CAN REDUCE THE RISK OF INJURY.SO, REMEMBER TO LIFT SMART.



### SIZE UP THE LOAD

- Assess the load size, shape, and weight.
- · If it's too heavy or big, do not lift it.
- Find another way to move it.



#### **MOVE THE LOAD CLOSE**

 Move the load close to your body and get a firm grip that can be held.



#### **ALWAYS BEND YOUR KNEES**

- Bend your knees, angle them wide and use a semi-squat.
- Keep your spine in its natural curve.



## **RAISE WITH YOUR LEGS**

 Raise the load using your legs and complete the lift smoothly and in one move.



#### **TURN YOUR FEET**

- Turn your feet, not your spine when you need to change directions.
- Set the load down by squatting.