



Physical forces can result from catastrophic events or human error, and can occur suddenly.
Catastrophic events can include earthquakes or simply dropping an item.
More gradual forces, such as improper handling or support, can occur imperceptibly.

## Mitigating the threat:

Collections should be properly supported and not allowed to shift within housing and enclosures.

Boxes and books should not hang off of shelves where they can be nudged.

Proper mounts and secured cases prevent materials from being knocked over.

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