

10-Step Furniture Stability Checklist – Download Free

Identify hidden risks before your furniture becomes unsafe. Ideal placement: Immediately after the tip-over section.

STABILITY & INSPECTION STEPS

- ☐ **1. Check the Rear Anti-Tip Anchor Connections**
Ensure the safety wall straps or L-brackets are anchored tightly into structural wall frames or masonry, rather than loose plasterboard.
- ☐ **2. Test for Forward Lean or Tilt Tendencies**
Place a spirit level vertically against the side panels. A forward-leaning unit significantly multiplies tip-over risk when loaded.
- ☐ **3. Audit Floor Leveler Stability & Shims**
Check that all base leveling feet are locked tightly against the floor surface and that carpet compression hasn't compromised balance.
- ☐ **4. Inspect Cam-Locks and Main Joint Tightness**
Examine primary structural connection points. Loose or un-turned cam-locks let frames wobble, resulting in rapid structural degradation.
- ☐ **5. Evaluate the Squareness of the Back Panel**
Measure diagonally from corner to corner. A warped back panel indicates the unit is missing structural rigidity, allowing it to lean sideways.
- ☐ **6. Assess Heavy Base Weight Distribution**
Ensure heavy internal accessories, books, or storage files are placed in the lowest drawers or shelves to maintain a safe low center of gravity.
- ☐ **7. Inspect Drawer Runner Interlock Systems**
Verify that runners open smoothly and do not catch. Opening multiple drawers simultaneously creates a massive forward-shifting weight hazard.
- ☐ **8. Check Door Hinge Alignment & Torque**
Misaligned hinges cause heavy glass or wood doors to pull unevenly on the carcass, applying continuous twisting forces to the structural unit.
- ☐ **9. Examine Top Trim and Coving Clearances**
Ensure upper ceiling decorations or coving extensions aren't applying subtle downward pressure that bows the structural framework.
- ☐ **10. Perform a Lateral Force Stability Check**
Gently apply outward pressure from the side panels. A secure wardrobe or storage system should show zero sway or frame shifting under minor force.

 Safety Inspection Alert:

Furniture tip-overs cause severe structural damage and home injuries annually. Routine checks every 6 months guarantee anchors stay secure amidst natural shifting and carpet settling.

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