



Mental Health Furniture Safety Checklist

Use this checklist to regularly inspect furniture in your facility to ensure it maintains appropriate safety standards.

Answer Yes or No, if No see below for next steps.

Visual Inspection

- ☐ **Are all the surfaces free from protruding edges, hooks or handles?**
Check that nothing can be used as an anchor point for ligature attachment.

 - ☐ **Are all gaps and openings less than 20mm - 2cm?**
Ensure no gaps are large enough to allow fabric or cord insertion.

 - ☐ **Is the furniture free from damage, cracks or broken parts?**
Look for any deterioration that could create new ligature points or sharp edges.

 - ☐ **Are all fixings, screws and fasteners flush or recessed?**
Verify that no protruding fixings are exposed or accessible.
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Structural integrity

- ☐ **Is the furniture securely fixed to the floor or wall (where design requires)?**
Check that the fixed furniture hasn't loosened from its mountings.
 - ☐ **Is the foam core intact with no compression damage or deformities?**
Check that the furniture maintains its intended shape and hasn't collapsed or deformed.
 - ☐ **Does the furniture still provide adequate support and comfort?**
Test that foam hasn't degraded to the point where it no longer functions properly.
 - ☐ **Is the furniture free from water damage or excessive moisture?**
Look for signs of saturation, mould or deterioration from liquid exposure.
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Material Condition

- ☐ **Are upholstered surfaces intact with no tears or exposed foam?**
inspect for rips that could allow access to internal structures or filling material.
- ☐ **Is the furniture free from sharp edges or corners?**
Run your hand carefully along all edges to check for sharp areas created by wear or damage.

Functional Safety

- ☐ **Do any moving parts (if present) operate smoothly without creating pinch points?**

Test drawers, adjustable elements or mechanisms for safe operation.

- ☐ **Is the furniture appropriate for its current location and risk level?**

Assess whether the furniture type matches the rooms designated risk classification.

- ☐ **Has the furniture been modified or altered in any way?**

Check for unauthorised additions, repairs or changes that may compromise safety features.

Inspection Frequency:

Weekly for High Risk areas

Monthly for Medium Risk areas

Quarterly for Low risk areas

Action Required:

Any item marked “NO” requires immediate review and remedial action.

Remove from service if safety cannot be immediately restored.

Contact us for advice with any furniture issues you may come across.

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