



ACCEPTABLE FURNITURE

Most household furniture is acceptable:

Armchairs, 3-piece/2-piece suites, Beds (not bunk or cabin beds), Bedroom-Units, Bedside Cabinets, Bookcases, Bureau's, Cabinets, Chairs, Chests of drawers, Coffee tables, Cupboards, Desks, Dining chairs and tables, Dressing-Tables, Household Filing cabinets (with keys), Futons, Ottomans, Pictures, Rugs, Shelves, Sofas, Sofa-beds, Stools, Tables, TV/Hi-fi units, Wall units, Wardrobes.

IS IT FIT FOR RE-USE? CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

Furniture should not be too heavy, too large, in poor condition or too old. Beds and soft furnishings should carry relevant fire labels.

WEIGHT

Homestore does not collect very heavy furniture. Furniture is too heavy if two people cannot easily carry it. For example large two door wardrobes.

SIZE

Furniture must be able to fit into modern flats. Therefore very large furniture may not be suitable. For example sofas over six foot.

CONDITION

Furniture is in good condition if the item is clean, there are no scratches, no stains, no damage, and an ordinary person would be happy to have it in their property. Furniture must be fully assembled. Homestore cannot accept furniture that needs re-assembly.

AGE

Furniture should be modern. It is modern if it is made in the 1980's or later. If older than this it should be in very good condition or have something special about it.

FIRE LABELLING

Beds require a blue fire label with a picture of a cigarette and the word "resistant". It will also state "Complies with B.S.7177: 1996". The label is attached to the mattress and the bed base.

Soft furnishings (sofas, 3-piece suites, armchairs, and anything with foam in) require a 1988 fire label. The label begins with the words, "Carelessness causes fires" and goes on to state: "To comply with the furniture and furnishings fire safety regulations 1988." The label is generally found by lifting the cushions, or it may be attached to the underside of the furniture.



WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FURNITURE

Homestore is a furniture re-use project that provides quality second hand furniture for those on benefits and low incomes, enabling them to furnish their homes without sinking into debt. In 2005 Homestore provided 1135 families with furniture across east London and prevented 120 tonnes of furniture from becoming landfill. We are one of five projects run by the charity Quaker Social Action.

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