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## Stacking & Folding Chairs

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### Q1. Stacking or folding — quick answer?

**A:** Stacking for commercial permanent installations. Folding for portability and flat storage. Stacking chairs are more durable and more comfortable for the money. Folding chairs are better when you need to transport or store them completely flat.

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### Q2. What weight rating do I need?

**A:** 250 lbs minimum for standard commercial applications. 300–400 lbs for public venues or any space where the general public sits. Never buy commercial chairs rated under 250 lbs.

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### Q3. Are padded stacking chairs worth it over polypropylene?

**A:** For any session over 45 minutes, yes. Commercial-grade padded seats make a significant comfort difference at modest cost premium. For events under 30 minutes or outdoor use, polypropylene shell is adequate.

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### Q4. What steel gauge should I look for?

**A:** 18-gauge for heavy commercial use. 20-gauge is acceptable for light commercial. Avoid thinner-walled frames — they flex and weaken with repeated use and stacking loads.

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### Q5. How do I choose between vinyl and fabric upholstery for padded chairs?

**A:** Vinyl for easy cleaning (training rooms, healthcare, food-service adjacent spaces). Fabric for comfort and appearance (conference overflow, seminar rooms). Vinyl is more durable for repeated spot cleaning; fabric is more comfortable for extended sessions.

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