

Storage Cabinets

1 Anchor Every Cabinet Over 42" Tall

Any storage cabinet taller than 42" must be anchored to the wall. This is an OSHA safety requirement in most commercial environments and a common-sense safety measure. Use the included tip restraint hardware — it takes 10 minutes and prevents serious accidents.

2 Order Extra Keys at Purchase Time

Reordering cabinet keys after the fact is a pain. Order extra keys at the same time as the cabinets. Consider a key-alike option if you're buying multiple cabinets — one key for everything simplifies access management enormously.

3 Label Shelves From Day One

Label each shelf in your storage cabinets as soon as you stock them. This sounds obvious but almost never happens. Unlabeled shelves turn into chaos within a month. Simple adhesive label strips on the shelf edge take 10 minutes and save hours of searching.

4 Steel > Wood for Supply Rooms

In a high-traffic supply room or utility area, commercial powder-coat steel cabinets outperform wood laminate in every dimension: durability, load capacity, ease of cleaning, and longevity. Save the wood finish for the executive wing.

5 Match Depth to What You're Storing

18" depth fits most standard office supplies and binders. 24" depth is necessary for large equipment, oversized binders, or items that extend beyond standard depth. Ordering the wrong depth wastes space and creates overhang hazards.

6 3-Point Locks Are Worth the Upgrade

Single-point locks (at the handle only) are easy to force open. Full-width 3-point locking bars that engage top, middle, and bottom of both doors simultaneously are significantly more secure. Worth the upgrade for any cabinet holding sensitive items.

7 Consider Open Shelving for High-Turnover Items

If items in a cabinet are accessed many times per day, consider open shelving instead. Opening and closing cabinet doors dozens of times daily slows people down and wears out the hinges. Open shelves make high-frequency items instantly accessible.

8 Adjustable Shelves Beat Fixed Every Time

Always buy adjustable shelf cabinets. Your storage needs will change. Fixed shelves create wasted space the moment you need to store something that doesn't fit the predetermined heights. The extra cost is minor.

9 Pair Cabinets With Base Risers for Cleaning

For supply rooms and storage areas, base risers or legs that raise the cabinet 3-4" off the floor make floor cleaning practical. Cabinets sitting directly on floors collect debris underneath and make mopping difficult.

10 Weight Load Per Shelf Matters More Than Total Capacity

Pay attention to the per-shelf load rating, not just the total cabinet rating. A cabinet rated 600 lbs total doesn't mean 200 lbs per shelf. If you're storing heavy paper reams or binders packed full, verify the per-shelf capacity matches your actual load.