

Furniture reuse referrals to customers

What we are doing

In order to reduce waste from voids, we'll be working with local reuse companies to collect furniture and goods left behind from our premises.

Before the property becomes void, and therefore Grand Union's "problem", we'd like to help our customers to be able to dispose of waste that they can't take with them by referring them to reuse organisations.

Changing the way we work is an essential part of making our business more sustainable.

Adopting this reuse scheme will help to:

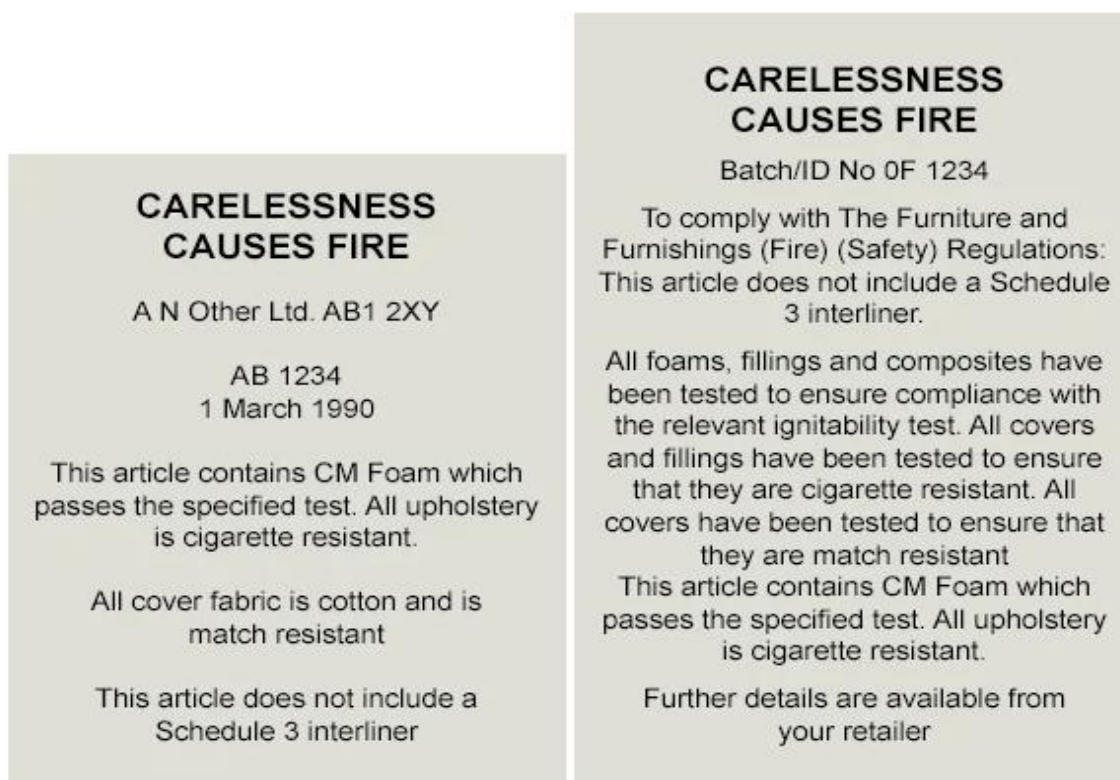
- enhance our customers experience and avoid costs
- saving the business money i.e reducing our voids waste bill
- supporting our (potential) upcoming reuse scheme for customers
- reducing items sent to landfill.

Safety

All upholstered/leather items and mattresses must have a fire label to be collected for reuse to conform with the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire Safety) Regulations and BS7177, the safety standard for resistance to ignition of mattresses, divans and bed bases.

Upholstered items in all these categories must be in good condition and the covering intact with no rips or tears which may compromise the ignition tests.

Below are examples of fire labels that you can expect to find.



We have made contact with two reuse charities that have said they're able to make collections of reusable furniture. Their details are below:

Reuse MK

What they can accept	What they can't accept
White goods in working order	CDs, DVDs, cassettes or vinyl
Dining suites	Clothes or textiles
Upholstered furniture (must have fire labels attached and no rips or stains)	Crockery and cutlery
Kitchen and cooking utensils (new and in original packaging)	Bric-a-brac
Mirrors	Soft furnishings
Garden furniture	Used teddies/children's toys
TVs (slimline models only, including remote controls)	
PC/computer monitors (slimline only)	
Hi-Fi systems	
Decorating materials	
Electrical appliances in working condition (please call for advice)	
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Seasonal items	
Wheelchairs and mobility scooters	
Bikes	
Teddies/children's toys (brand new and with all parts present)	

Collection details

To arrange a collection with Reuse MK, please contact via the following:

Phone: 01908 261010.

Email: reusmk@btconnect.com

Address: 6 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes, MK11 3HB

Collections take place Monday to Friday and cover all Grand Union areas.

Daventry Contact

What they can accept	What they can't accept
Cookers	Upholstered furniture without fire safety labels i.e beds, divan bases, sofas, dining chairs
Washing machines	Stained mattresses
Single and double divan bed bases	Stained/greasy settees/sofas
Single and double mattresses	Dining tables larger than 6-8 seats
Ironing boards	
Single and double wardrobes	
Chests of drawers	
Kitchen utensils	
Pots and pans	
Upholstered furniture (must have fire safety labels)	
Children's toys	
Decorative items	
Electrical appliances	

Collection details

To arrange collection with Daventry Contact, use the following:

Phone: 01327 310711

Email: charity@daventrycontact.org

Address: Units 1 & 2 South March, Long March Industrial Estate, Daventry, NN11 4PH

Collections only take place in Daventry and between Tuesday and Thursday.

Due to limited storage and change in demand from customers, they may sometimes temporarily stop collecting certain furniture items because they are overstocked.