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# COMMERCIAL FURNITURE VS RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE

When it comes to furniture, there are generally two grades that are widely available on the market - commercial grade and residential grade.

The main difference between the two is that residential furniture is designed for homes, while commercial grade furniture (also known as contract grade furniture) is designed for businesses.

Commercial grade furniture is designed for high traffic areas and must be able to withstand a lot of wear and tear. Commercial grade furniture is also usually more expensive than residential furniture because it is made with higher quality materials.

For instance, commercial grade furniture is often made from metal or hardwood, and higher density foam that will not break down as quickly. It might have a stronger frame that can support more weight and also be covered in fabric that is more durable and stain resistant. Unlike residential furniture commercial furniture is often covered by a longer warranty.

In contrast, residential furniture is designed for private homes, and although it is usually cheaper and more comfortable than commercial grade furniture it is not as durable, and will need to be replaced more often because it is designed for less strenuous use.

Residential furniture is often made from softer woods, cheaper and more delicate fabric, and even plastic. Therefore, it is not as durable, as commercial furniture.

The weight limit for a piece of furniture is an important consideration also. For example, a chair made from solid wood will have a higher weight limit than a chair made from particle board. For instance residential furniture weight limits range from 250 pounds to 350 pounds. Where a commercial chair made of solid wood may have a weight limit of 500 pounds or more.

It is important to adhere to this limit, as exceeding it can damage the furniture or cause it to break. Doing so could also pose a safety hazard, as the furniture could collapse unexpectedly.

Residential furniture is not warranted for commercial use and doing so ay void and warranty offered. However, it is important to keep in mind that commercial grade furniture will usually last longer, making it a more cost-effective option in the long run.



So if you are looking for furniture that will last longer and stand up to heavy use, then you should consider investing in commercial grade furniture.



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