



University Loft Company
Why Safety?

AT ULC, OUR FURNITURE STANDARDS BEGIN AND END WITH SAFETY IN MIND

Safety matters at home and away. It matters to students, their parents, and of course it matters to us at University Loft Company. That's why we design every ULC product with safety in mind and build them to withstand the rigors of use year after year. Let's take a closer look at some of the design, construction and usage safety standards we meet or exceed on your behalf:

OUR COMMITMENT TO BED SAFETY HELPS YOU REST EASY

University Loft Company's beds meet the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Requirements regarding Child Safety Standards for entrapment and guardrail safety. These U.S. Federal Regulations – which appear in CFR Title 16, Parts 1213, 1500 and 1513 – were enacted in July 2000 to help reduce the approximately 10 deaths per year attributed to entrapment in child or adult bunk beds.



The requirements mandate that the distance between spreader rails on bed ends must be close enough to prevent the pass-thru of a 3.5" x 6.2" block, OR large enough to permit the passage of a 9" diameter sphere (roughly the space needed to withdraw a child's head). University Loft beds meet these federal requirements.

Our beds are built with several other important safety features. For example, our standard bed end posts are 3" x 3". This post size offers greater surface-to-surface contact area for added stability and sturdiness. Also, unlike some manufacturers, our bed ends feature four spreader rails. The extra rail means stronger construction for enhanced safety and durability.

SPECIAL BUNK BED SAFETY RULES CALL FOR SPECIAL CARE

The CPSC defines a bunk bed as

"any bed in which the underside of the foundation (i.e., sleep surface) is over 30" from the floor." The Commission requires that any bunk bed must have at least two upper bunk guardrails, one on either side of the bed. Beds from University Loft Company meet these criteria when configured with wood rails/decks or spring units and matching guardrails at the appropriate height placement.

However, even if the bed originally started out less than 30" from mattress bottom to the floor, you are still subject to the guardrail requirements if the bed is adjusted upward, as it would then be classified a "bunk bed". To help you understand and maintain compliance with these regulations, University Loft Company now places a warning label on each bed end. Do not remove these warning labels. What's more, we encourage you to check for their presence when doing a yearly inventory review.

CLIMBING THE LADDER TO SAFER TOP BUNK USAGE

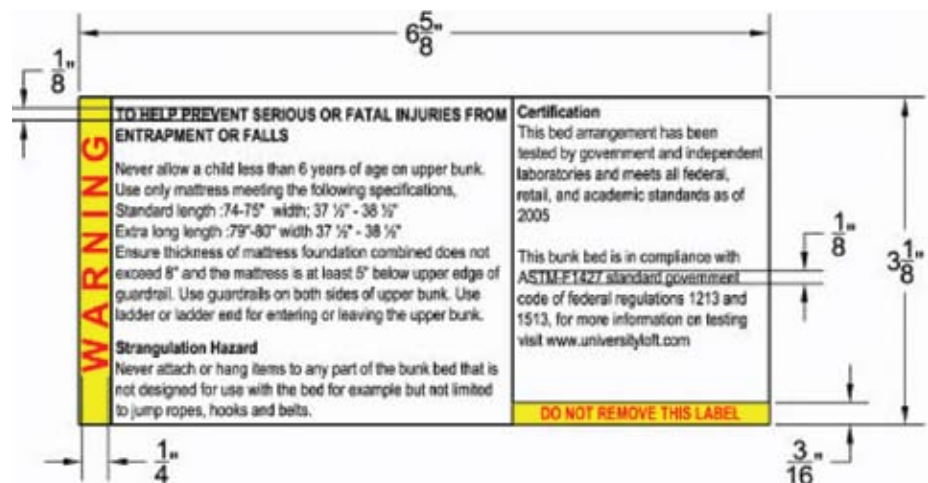
University Loft bunk beds are designed so that the bed ends can be used as ladders to access the top bunk. However, some room configurations, space restrictions or other conditions might make bed-end



access impossible or unwise. In those cases, ULC also makes bunk bed ladders designed for use with our loft beds and bunks. These ladders feature warning labels describing proper usage, including exact pin positions for upper bunk springs and rails relative to the ladder placement. For safe use of ladders with loft bed configurations, ULC strongly urges compliance with the label instructions so that our safety standards are met and our warranty policy remains valid.

REGULAR RISK MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT CAN KEEP YOUR INSTALLATIONS SAFER

The above standards, regulations and usage recommendations are excellent safety guidelines that can serve every bed installation well. The fact is, however, that CPSC





WARNING

LADDER USE INSTRUCTIONS

- Use the ladder only for entering and leaving the upper bunk.
- Use the ladder only when the upper bunk is located at pin positions 5 and 6 from the top for the wood bed ends and pin positions 7 and 8 from the top for the metal bed ends.
- Use the ladder only when the ladder is attached firmly to the upper bunk side rail (not the end rail) and the bottom of the ladder is resting firmly on the floor.
- Never horseplay on the ladder
- Never hang items, including clothing, from the ladder.
- Never allow more than one person to use the ladder at one time.
- Never allow a child under 6 years of age to use the ladder

DO NOT REMOVE THIS LABEL

WARNING	
TO HELP PREVENT SERIOUS OR FATAL INJURIES FROM ENTRAPMENT OR FALLS	
Never allow a child less than 6 years of age on upper bunk.	
Use only mattress meeting the following specifications: Standard length: 74" - 75" width: 53 1/2" - 54 1/2" Extra long length: 79" - 80" width: 53 1/2" - 54 1/2" Stretcher thickness of mattress foundation combined does not exceed 8" and the mattress is at least 5" below upper edge of guardrail. Use guardrails on both sides of upper bunk. Use ladder or ladder end for entering or leaving the upper bunk.	
Strangulation Hazard: Never attach or hang items to any part of the bunk bed that is not designed for use with the bed for example but not limited to jump ropes, hocks and belts.	
Certification: This bed arrangement has been tested by government and independent laboratories and meets all federal, state and academic standards as of 2008. This bunk bed is in compliance with ASTM F-1427-07 standard government code of federal regulations 1213 and 1513. For more information on testing visit www.uloft.com	
DO NOT REMOVE LABEL	

GET SAFETY LABELS FOR YOUR BEDS

To help you accomplish a higher level of safety management, we can ship safety labels you can apply to your existing beds to signify that they do not meet current standards and should only be used by adults. Please contact your ULC project manager or sales representative for a consultation or to place your order for these free labels.

mandates do not actually apply to institutional use (e.g., dormitories, military facilities or prisons). So why does University Loft feel so strongly about following these guidelines? While most higher education institutions are exempt from these standards for normal operations, we believe that the uninformed or improper use of beds in an institutional setting could result in unnecessary exposure to risk. And while most colleges and universities have controls in place to monitor student use of campus furniture, but we encourage risk management oversight when visitors are on campus as well. ULC also recommends that our customer institutions consult regularly with a Risk Management expert to monitor usage, update controls and limit exposure and liability. Simply put, we want your resident students or

campus visitors to be safe, and your institution to be protected.

OUR PAINTS AND FINISHES ARE SAFE... AND EASY ON THE EYES

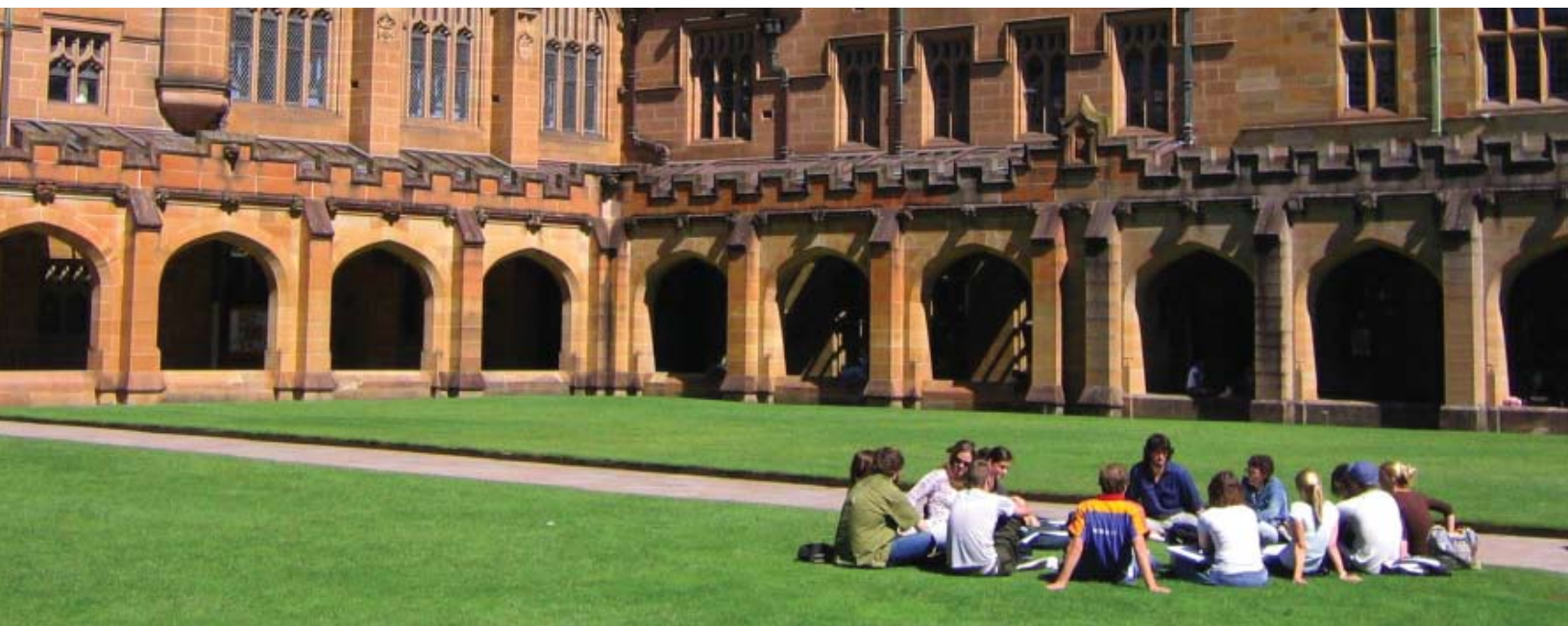
Due to recent reports of excessive lead contents in finishes from products manufactured in Asia, University Loft Company would like to remind you that we are committed to constructing high-quality, durable, and most importantly, safe, products. In fact, we've made it our mission to ensure the furniture you receive has been rigorously tested to meet all safety standards and regulations. Your safety – together with the safety of those using or visiting your institution – is our number one priority.



When it comes to our attractive and durable finishes, University Loft Company products are compliant with 16 CFR, Part 1303 for lead content as it pertains to furniture intended to be used by children. Our products have been tested and certified by Data Chem Laboratories, Inc. Copies of these test certificates are available for review upon request.

SAFETY IS IN THE VERY FABRIC OF UNIVERSITY LOFT FURNITURE

All fabrics used by University Loft Company in our upholstered items have been tested and proven flame retardant. The foam filling and padding used to construct our upholstered furniture meet the requirements of the California Bureau of Home Furnishings Technical Bulletin No. 117. Passing



the CAL 117 test ensures that fabrics will not catch fire if exposed to a smoldering cigarette or small open flame.

In addition, we offer on-request testing for custom-made ULC furniture to meet CAL TB-133 flammability requirements. This certification requires special foam with a fire-resistant barrier material between the foam and the outer fabric. We employ this type of construction for furniture to be used in public seating areas such as hotels, universities, and other high-traffic common areas.



OUR CHAIRS STAND UP TO BIFMA STANDARDS

Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA) is comprised of furniture manufacturers dedicated to the development of voluntary product safety and performance standards and test methods. All of University Loft's office chairs meet or exceed BIFMA standards.



EVERYDAY WEAR AND TEAR? ULC FURNITURE PASSES THE TEST.

How do you measure furniture hardness and durability? At ULC we use the Janka hardness test, which measures the force required to embed a .444 inch steel ball to half its diameter in wood. This is one of the best measures of the ability of wood species to withstand denting and wear. It's a good indicator of how hard a species is



saw or nail. University Loft Company's Environmentally-Farmed Timber withstood pressure to 160 lbs. as opposed to the Northern Red Oak sample which failed at 140 lbs. This test serves as evidence that University Loft's EFT is stronger, more durable and able to withstand the rigors of everyday use without breaking down.

BRINGING YOUR CAMPUS UP TO THESE STANDARDS

As a leading youth-oriented furniture manufacturer since 1986, University Loft Company wants the very best for the young users of our furniture, and for our educational and institutional partners. Our products have been designed and constructed to meet or exceed the rigorous standards and testing required for the retail market. So by choosing University Loft Company to be your furniture provider, you take important steps toward voluntary compliance that can keep your students safer AND help reduce potential liability and exposure for your institution.

What's more, when you partner with a responsible manufacturer like University Loft, it's likely that your disaster recovery plans, product liability coverage and risk mitigation programs are more easily accomplished.

We know that it might not be realistic to replace all beds on your campus to meet these safety standards. A good first step toward enhancing safety, however, is to design, implement and manage a prudent risk management program, including furniture usage guidelines in accordance with the standards University Loft follows and recommends. After all, safety does matter. For all of us.

Need help making sure your installations are safe? Contact us today at 800.423.LOFT (5638)!



AS IF OFFICIAL TESTING WASN'T ENOUGH, THIS DRAWER HAS EVEN BEEN THROUGH THE REDNECK TEST

In an independent test, these good 'ole boys are suspended from a fork lift by a chain bolted through the front and back of a drawer.



DID YOU KNOW?

University Loft Company holds more than a dozen U.S. patents on our bed configurations. As innovative global leaders in the student housing industry, we do more than manufacture and sell furniture. We can also offer expertise and guidance in many areas, from engineering and design to space utilization and modular accommodations to safety and compliance.

For more information on any of the products shown here, as well as any of our other product lines please contact a sales representative today.
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