

September is National Preparedness Month

Safety Products for Office and Classroom Environments



Safety is foundational in both workplaces and classrooms, ensuring learning and productivity can thrive without undue risk. This begins with essentials: fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and emergency supplies, which are must-haves for quick crisis response.

Lockdown features like sturdy locks and accessible communication devices provide extra protection, while non-slip flooring and anchored furniture prevent slips and falls, keeping everyone focused.

Proper storage of hazardous materials, hand sanitizing stations, and air filtration systems further enhance safety, contributing to a healthier environment. Safety signage and protective gear in high-risk areas ensure readiness for hazards. Together, these measures create a secure environment, allowing students and employees to focus on learning and working efficiently.

Healthy Wrap Recipes for Offices and the Education Sector

Wraps are a versatile and convenient option for healthy lunches, perfect for both schools and offices. By mixing and matching different ingredients, you can create a variety of delicious wraps that cater to different tastes and dietary needs. Here's a base recipe with several variations to keep lunches exciting and nutritious.

Base Ingredients:

- Wraps: Whole wheat, spinach, or gluten-free tortillas
- Protein: Grilled chicken, turkey slices, hummus, black beans, or tofu
- Veggies: Lettuce, spinach, cucumber, bell peppers, shredded carrots, avocado, or cherry tomatoes
- Cheese (optional): Feta, cheddar, or mozzarella
- Condiments: Greek yogurt, mustard, hummus, or a light vinaigrette

Variations:

- Mediterranean Wrap: Use a spinach tortilla with grilled chicken, hummus, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, feta cheese, and a drizzle of olive oil
- Southwest Veggie Wrap: Fill a whole wheat wrap with black beans, avocado, bell peppers, corn, shredded lettuce, and a sprinkle of cheddar cheese, topped with salsa or a light vinaigrette
- Turkey and Avocado Wrap: Start with a gluten-free tortilla, layer with turkey slices, avocado, spinach, shredded carrots, and a dollop of Greek yogurt mixed with a pinch of mustard
- Tofu and Veggie Wrap: Use a whole wheat wrap, add grilled tofu, mixed greens, cucumber, shredded carrots, bell peppers, and top with a light vinaigrette or soy sauce for a vegan-friendly option

These wraps are easy to customize based on what's available and your personal preferences. They provide a balanced meal with proteins, healthy fats, and plenty of vegetables, making them an ideal choice for a healthy lunch at school or work.



Upcoming Events for September - October



Fremont Oktoberfest

Sept 20 - 22
Fremont Oktoberfest
Fremont, WA

October 4
Weezer
Climate Pledge Arena,
Seattle, WA

October 4
Snohomish Haunted Farm
Stalker Farms
Snohomish, WA

October 10
State Park Day (Free)
All WA State Parks
Various, WA

October 10
Seahawks vs. SF 49ers
Lumen Field
Seattle, WA

October 19
Motorcycle Racing
Puyallup Flat Track
Puyallup, WA

October 22
Kraken vs. Colorado Avalanche
Seattle Center
Seattle, WA

October 23
Charli XCX & Troye Sivan
Climate Pledge Arena,
Seattle, WA

Note: Check official websites and venues for details.



Emerging Trends in Classroom Furniture for Active Learning

As education evolves, so does the design of our learning environments. Modern classrooms are increasingly embracing furniture that supports diverse learning styles, particularly those that encourage active learning. Here are some of the latest trends transforming classrooms into dynamic, student-centered spaces:

1. Flexible Seating Arrangements

Gone are the days of rigid rows of desks. Flexible seating allows students to choose their seating based on personal preferences and learning styles. Options range from bean bags and floor cushions to standing desks and wobble stools. This variety not only promotes comfort but also encourages movement and physical activity, which can enhance focus and engagement.

2. Collaborative Workspaces

Collaboration is key in today's educational landscape. Modular furniture that can be easily rearranged supports group activities and peer interaction. These spaces foster communication, creativity, and teamwork, essential skills for students' future careers. By allowing students to reconfigure their environment, schools promote a sense of autonomy and ownership over their learning.

3. Multi-Functional Furniture

Versatility is a hallmark of modern classroom furniture. Multi-functional pieces, such as adjustable-height tables and chairs that can transform into small desks, accommodate various activities and group sizes. This adaptability ensures that the classroom can quickly shift from a lecture space to a collaborative workshop, catering to different teaching methods and learning activities.

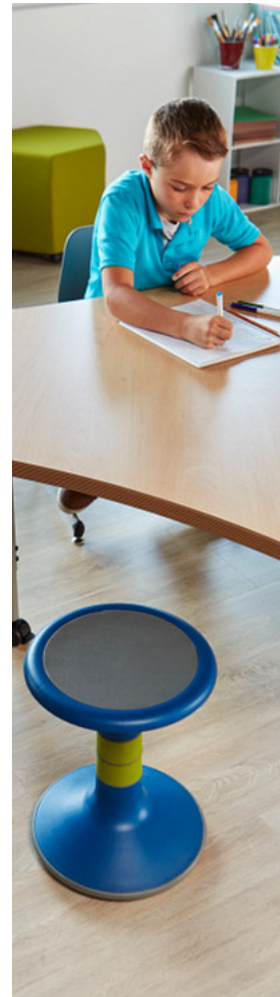
4. Technology Integration

Integrating technology into classroom furniture is becoming increasingly important. Desks with built-in charging stations and interactive whiteboards are just a few examples. These innovations support digital learning and ensure that students have the tools they need to succeed in a tech-driven world.

5. Ergonomic Design

Comfort is crucial for maintaining student focus and reducing distractions. Ergonomically designed furniture, such as adjustable chairs and desks, caters to students of all sizes and helps prevent discomfort during long periods of study. This focus on physical well-being is essential for creating a conducive learning environment.

By incorporating these trends, schools can create engaging, adaptable, and inclusive learning spaces that cater to the diverse needs of today's students. As we continue to understand the impact of environment on learning, the role of thoughtfully designed classroom furniture will only become more significant.



Education Furniture Trends



HON Education - Confetti Floor Lounge, Confetti Floor Cushion Single Unit, 42"H Bookcase Curved Out Single Sided, JV Hexagon Pouf, Build Ribbon Top, SmartLink 18" Chair, Arbor Alto Ecoustic hanging Trellis, **Clarus** - Glassboard, **Magnuson** - Solna Freestanding Sanitation Station.



HON Education - Sculpt 28"H Personal Table, Build Seated Height 4-leg Stool, Build Makerspace Table with Butcher Block Top, Tangram - Step, Bench, Perch Flooring **Shaw Contract** - Vitality Collection.