# Inspecting Donations

**Guidelines for Inspecting Furniture**

**Look for the following:**

- Rips or tears in the fabric, even if they are on the underside of the cushion or back of a couch that are **large.**
- Leather or paint that is peeling/chipping off - hazardous to kids
- Poorly refinished/painted pieces of furniture
- Broken zippers on cushions so that foam is sticking out
- Stained or dirty - no stains on cushions that are noticeable
  - If the cushion can flipped over to a side with no stains, we may accept it
- Not covered in pet hair
- Claw marks from pets – should be nothing noticeable
- Must function as designed
- Missing pieces
- Mold, strong, musty smell/cigarette smoke or water damage
- The item should be sturdy and not fall apart when trying to move it
- No items that need more than 2 men to lift
- No excessively tall items
- Veneer is missing – use your judgment
- Inspect for bed bugs
- Lift up all cushions
- Open drawers to look for visible evidence of bugs or rodents. If you see any evidence, turn it down immediately.
- If the furniture is large or oversized and won't fit in a truck easily, please turn it down. Most of our clients live in small apartments, and/or items have to go up staircases.

*** **If your first reaction when you see the furniture is not good, go with your gut as it is what most others will think too.*****

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