

## Fire Labels

It is a legal requirement that we as a charity, cannot sell or give away donations of upholstered furniture, mattresses or beds that do not have valid fire labels. As a result, please do not be offended when we ask if your items comply with this legislation - we cannot collect or accept items that do not comply.

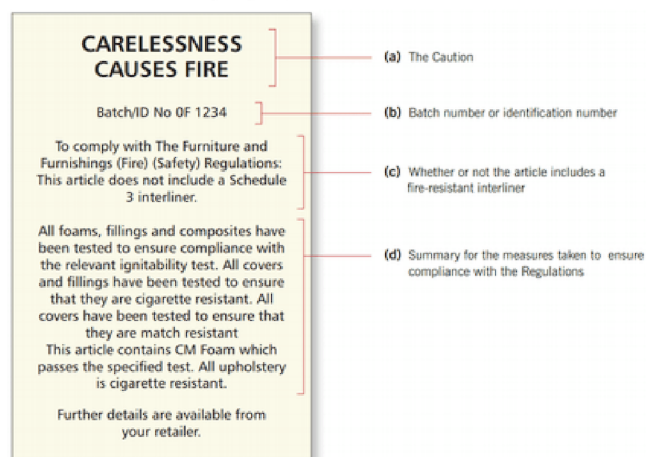
### Where to find the labels

The labels will be stitched in place and are typically sewn in under a cushion or underneath the chair or sofa. On a bed base or mattress it will usually be sewn on & can be found at the bottom of the item.

### What do they look

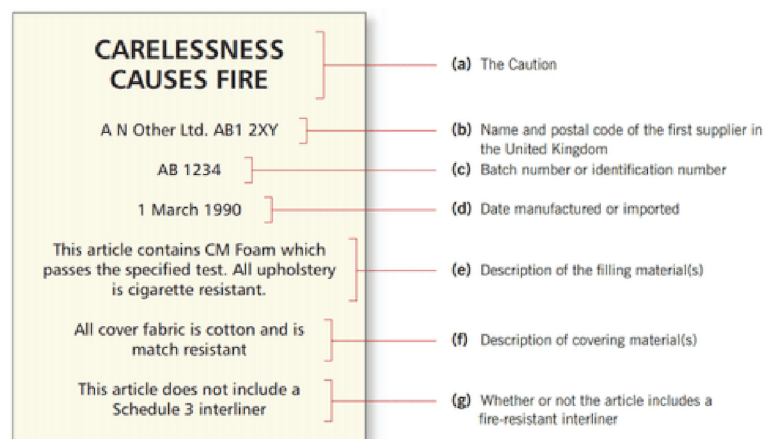
Permanent labels can come in two formats, below are examples of both these formats (provided by FIRA (Furniture Industry Research Association)):

Example 1: A shorter label giving only the minimum information about the furniture



- (a) The Caution
- (b) Batch number or identification number
- (c) Whether or not the article includes a fire-resistant interliner
- (d) Summary for the measures taken to ensure compliance with the Regulations

Example 2: A label giving full information about the furniture



- (a) The Caution
- (b) Name and postal code of the first supplier in the United Kingdom
- (c) Batch number or identification number
- (d) Date manufactured or imported
- (e) Description of the filling material(s)
- (f) Description of covering material(s)
- (g) Whether or not the article includes a fire-resistant interliner

The fire label will look slightly different on a bed base and mattress and it is covered by a separate piece of legislation - BS 7177.

Here is an example of the fire label you will typically find on a bed base and mattress.



### What if my item doesn't have a fire label?

Unfortunately without the permanent fire label attached we would be unable to accept your donation, if you are still unsure if your item has the correct label then give us a call as one of our team will be more than happy to assist over the phone. If you know your item doesn't have the permanent label attached then please don't book it in as our drivers will always check on the day of collection for the label before taking the item and if it's not attached they will refuse to take it.

For further information see: [Furniture and Furnishings \(Fire Safety\) Regulations 1988/1989, 1993 and 2010](#)