



Northshore Council PTSA – Furniture Tip-over Prevention Resolution

- Whereas, In the U.S. furniture tip-over incidents result in a child visiting the emergency room every 37 minutes, and one child dying every 11 days; and
- Whereas, Use of tip restraints or furniture anchors is an effective way to prevent tip-overs, but only 27% of Americans anchor their furniture; and
- Whereas, The current furniture manufacturing standard for clothing storage units is voluntary and too weak to prevent child injuries and death; and
- Whereas, Current federal legislation, the STURDY Act, has been introduced in the U.S. House and Senate and would require new mandatory safety standards for all free-standing clothing storage units, and testing that more closely simulates real world use including to account for impact on clothing storage unit stability of carpeting, drawers with items in them, multiple open drawers, dynamic force and use by children up to 72 months of age and 60lbs.; and
- Whereas, New York state recently passed laws prohibiting the sale of new clothing furniture units that don't meet the voluntary standard and requiring all heavy furniture and televisions to be anchored in public spaces for children, including daycare facilities, foster care, and schools; now therefore be it
- Resolved, That the Northshore Council PTSA and its local PTAs shall support child safety through advocacy for the STURDY Act; and be it further
- Resolved, That the Northshore Council PTSA and its local PTAs shall advocate for any upcoming state legislation to require sale of anchoring kits with new furniture units, anchoring of furniture and televisions in public spaces, such as childcare centers, schools, and foster care facilities, and to prohibit sale of furniture that does not meet anti-tip safety standards; and be it further
- Resolved, That the Northshore Council PTSA and its local PTAs shall support local leaders to educate families and the community about the dangers of unanchored furniture in their homes.

Adopted by the membership of Northshore Council PTSA, September 16, 2019