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Sliders Help Move Heavy Equipment

Case Study: Kenosha Fitness and Nutrition Center

“Fitness equipment is heavy and difficult to move,” notes Scott Fraley, Manager of the Kenosha Fitness and Nutrition Center in Kenosha, Wisconsin. “We change the layout of the Center about once a month to give the club a different shape and a fresh look. Of course, we need to clean under the equipment occasionally, too. To move the heavier equipment, we used to rent a handcart. Several people would work together on each piece of equipment in order to move it.”

Sliders Save Money—and Your Back

One of the club members, Bret Bushey, was working out while Fraley was directing his staff to move the equipment to new locations. “I work for Expanded Technologies,” says Bushey, “and we manufacture sliders. They are padded polymer discs that are placed under furniture so that it slides easily across the floor. The sliders are especially popular in offices under heavy file cabinets and bookcases or under chairs that need to slide across carpet. When I saw everyone struggling to move the fitness equipment, I thought of the sliders right away and mentioned them to Fraley.”

Bushey brought some samples of a new slider especially designed for heavy equipment. The result? “With these sliders, we are able to push the equipment with one hand when we need to move it,” Fraley says with a smile. “They are sure saving our backs, and we’re saving money, too.”

Double The Life of Your Carpet

“It takes one person to move any piece of equipment now, and it used to take at least two people. One person can move the equipment, clean and move it back. There’s less stress on the joints of the equipment, too, so we’re seeing a big reduction in repairs. We’ve even doubled the life of our carpets because of the sliders. We’re able to move the traffic patterns throughout the center fairly often, so we can avoid worn areas on the carpet.”

Sliders are Inexpensive and Durable

And what was the investment for the sliders? “About \$10 for each piece of equipment,” offers Fraley. “And we have used them for about a year with out any cracking, bending or breaking. They are very durable.”