

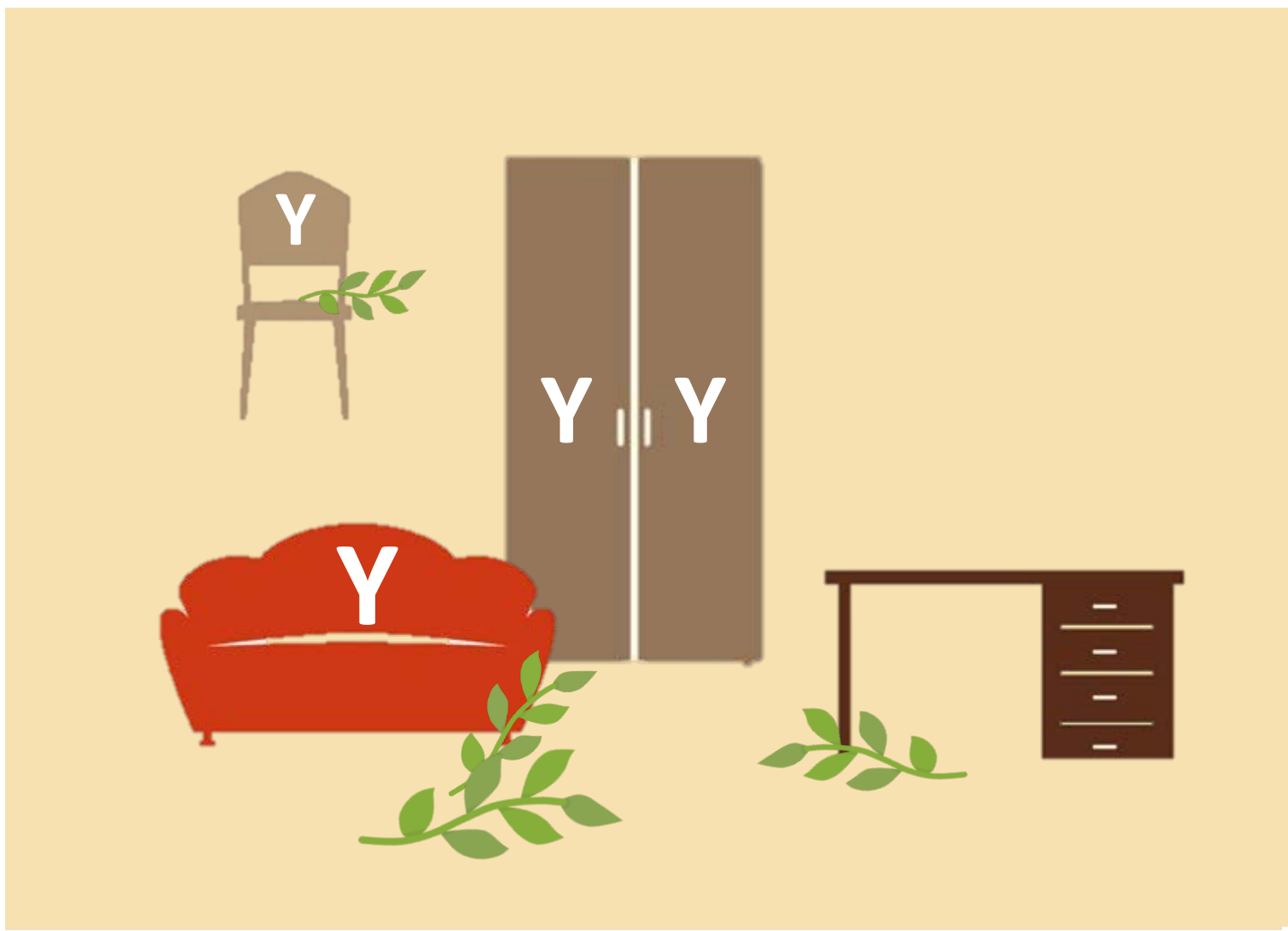
HEALTHY FURNITURE

YALE PROCUREMENT MISSION STATEMENT

Procurement supports the research, teaching, and practice missions of the university by leveraging the overall purchasing power of the institution, reducing the overall cost of goods and services, and facilitating the acquisition of all necessary goods and services.

CONNECTION TO SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable procurement mitigates legal and brand risks, reduces costs by selecting products with less energy consumption, waste and product related health risks, and creates social benefits. Sustainable procurement fits well with our Procurement Department, which supports Yale’s mission to commit to improving the world today and for future generations.



Procurement’s role in creating a healthy Yale and healthy planet



How we are involved & why it’s important

Yale Procurement is responsible for purchasing items that we interact with on a daily basis. Many of these items are unexpected reservoirs for hazardous chemicals that escape from material and make their way into our air, dust, and bodies. These substances can damage our bodies and the environment. Given that we spend 90% of our day indoors, our purchasing decisions are an important opportunity to promote a safe and healthy workforce, community, and environment.



What we currently do

- Strategic Vendors: Yale has strategic vendors that show care when identifying furnishings that are appropriate on our campus. These vendors meet with Purchasing Services quarterly and keep us informed on the safety of their offerings, their companies’ efforts as it relates to social responsibility, community service, and industry trends.
- Fire testing and Furniture: Yale conducts fire testing for high traffic and sensitive areas such as theatres and museums. Our restrictions have been defined by the Fire Marshal and speak specifically to upholstered furniture and the location of the furniture in building with/without updated sprinkler systems. Our approved strategic vendors are in compliance with the State of Connecticut and Federal regulations for furniture.



Forward-looking opportunities

- Make it easier to purchase healthy furniture by reviewing technical specifications and purchaser pledges
- Develop educational webinars to teach stakeholders how purchasing choices impact our health and the health of the environment
- Engage with Yale School of Public Health on targeted research to improve purchasing choices