

Mobile Tool Cabinets

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A mobile tool cabinet is a lockable chest on heavy castors with deep drawers that holds hand tools, power tools and consumables at the work site. Rolling the full kit to the job saves trips and keeps tools secure, accounted-for and organised.

Key Features

- 2 to 9 drawer configurations
- Ball-bearing slides rated 30-70 kg per drawer
- Lockable with key or central lock
- Heavy castors with brakes
- Work-top versions with storage

Typical Uses in the Workshop

- Store hand and power tools between machines
- Carry tool kits to different stations
- Lock tools securely at the end of lessons
- Keep consumables in reach of the work area

Safe Operation

1. Organise drawers by tool family and size
2. Open one drawer at a time for balance
3. Lock the drawers before moving the cabinet
4. Test the brakes before leaning on the top
5. Do a tool count when returning the cabinet

SAFETY NOTES

- Do not move the cabinet with drawers open
- Lock the castors before use
- Do not overload the cabinet or drawers
- Keep the top clear when wheeling
- Store it clear of walkways and fire exits

Maintenance & Consumables

- Oil the slides occasionally
- Check castor bolts and brake pads
- Clean out sawdust from the drawers
- Check the lock mechanism works
- Re-lube or replace sticking slides

Specification & Buying Notes

Choose ball-bearing slides and a solid lock - they define the cabinet. 4-7 drawers in a mid size suit a workshop. A work-top lid version doubles as an assembly station.