

Precision by Dexion solves storage security challenges faced by floating employees

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Press photo: Precision by Dexion ABW lockers

As the global trend towards activity-based workplaces (ABW) continues, businesses and architects are grappling with how to ensure that the personal belongings of employees are conveniently, safely and securely stored.

ABW sees staff move around their office without having a fixed desk. The philosophy underpinning this model is that at any given time, only 70-80% of the available workspace in an office is being utilised. This may be due to a variety of reasons – staff on holidays, sick or away on business.

Leading storage and materials handling specialist, Precision by Dexion has worked with a host of corporate and government employers to deliver state-of-the-art hard-body locker solutions for ABWs. According to Precision by Dexion's National Sales Manager, Tim Elliott there has been a significant spike in demand for ABW lockers recently.

“Employees are becoming increasingly mobile thanks to technology advancements. This trend in mobility is changing the way people work. Whether employees are logging on from home, cafes or while travelling, we are seeing that the traditional 9-5 pm desk job is all but a distant memory for many businesses,” said Elliott.

Large companies such as Telecom New Zealand, Alcatel Lucent and Bank of New Zealand have all converted to the ABW model – creating workspaces that facilitate the varied tasks undertaken by its employees. ABW boasts a number of benefits, including:

- Significant cost savings due to catering for only 70% or 80% of total staff. This could equate to a business leasing seven floors rather than, say 10.
- Reduced carbon footprint – the less floor space required, the less energy is consumed. Reduced storage space will also likely lead to reduced printing and recycling costs.
- Increased flexibility for employees – by releasing staff from the rigid allocation of desk space, employees are given the freedom to work in environments that are most suited to the task at hand. The potential result is improved productivity and collaboration that comes with employee empowerment.

The modern ABW is not without its challenges. Businesses and architects must satisfy a raft of logistical requirements in order to effectively cater for mobile staff. As no individual owns a desk, it's paramount that personal items and documents can be stowed away in lockers while employees are not on site.

These lockers must provide secure storage. They must also integrate with intelligent software that allows for multiple users. Given the reduced floor space, lockers must be extremely space efficient but large enough to secure laptops, documents and other belongings. In workplaces with high staff numbers, user friendliness and convenience is also essential.

“Precision by Dexion is working with more and more employers and the architects they engage to design ABW lockers that meet these evolving demands. Precision by Dexion understands that employer/employee confidence is vital. We have therefore incorporated both internal and external elements to the lockers that are robust, safe and secure,” noted Elliott.

Space optimisation is at the core of ABW, which is why Precision by Dexion's lockers are designed to maximise internal capacity whilst occupying the least possible amount of floor space. Lockers are available in a variety of sizes to ensure complete versatility.

Given that many businesses already utilise smart cards for building entry, printer use, meeting room bookings etc, Precision by Dexion's lockers are easily configured to suit a range of software systems. Often it's as simple as swiping the smart card to open the locker, before swiping it again to close the locker.

As far as control of the intelligent locking system is concerned, these can either be hard-wired, 3G or freestanding battery operated locks. For the hard-wired and 3G systems, employers have access to a software system that details the history of their staff's locker use – they can know at a glance who and which lockers are being utilised.

There is no doubt that the modern workplace is moving closer towards complete mobility. Precision by Dexion will therefore continue to develop the right storage solutions to meet the changing demands of businesses.

To learn more about Precision by Dexion's ABW lockers, visit www.precisionbydexion.co.nz or call 0800 800 059.

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With operations throughout the Asia Pacific Region and the Middle East, Dexion's core product offerings include: pallet racking, shelving and integrated systems used in logistics, warehousing and storage, as well as filing solutions including cabinets, shelving, lockers and Compactus® mobile storage used in the commercial sector. Dexion operates with a global network of suppliers who manufacture components and complementary products.

Dexion's industrial business combines order fulfilment and distribution functions with materials handling equipment and sophisticated software to build automated systems that increase speed, accuracy, security and flexibility. Its systems deliver the benefits of improved productivity and profitability due to the smarter thinking that goes into their design.

Dexion's commercial business provides products for every commercial and specialist storage application. These products are complemented by a range of services that help customers achieve the right balance between space utilisation, safety and value.

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