

# Wood Cabinet Installation Best Practices

## For all cabinets and tall shelving units:

- Cabinets that touch each other should be fastened together with 1¼" fasteners. Five to six fasteners are recommended (three in the back and two in the front of a side panel). We suggest using #8 coarse drywall screws and countersinking them flush with the material surface.
- When attaching taller units, an additional screw may be necessary in the front if there is a gap in the middle.

## ALL cabinets should be fastened to a stud where possible.

- Upper cabinets MUST be fastened to a stud for safe use. Please fasten at top and bottom of the back panel at each stud location.
- For wider width (24" and greater) cabinets that cannot be secured to TWO studs, please use metal toggle bolt anchors at least ⅜" in diameter.
- When fastening cabinets less than 24"W to a wall, one stud is sufficient. If no stud is available, we recommend using toggle bolt fasteners at least ⅜" in diameter at the top and bottom of the back panel.

## What type of screws should be used when attaching cabinets to a wood stud wall?

- #8 coarse thread drywall or cabinet mounting screws, 2½"L

## What type of screws should be used when attaching cabinets to an aluminum or steel stud wall?

- #8 fine thread drywall or self-tapping screws, 2½"L

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