

MOVING? SMART BUILDING MANAGERS GET INVOLVED!

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Growth, consolidation and reorganization force companies to move in order to succeed, survive, and remain competitive. When their moves damage the office building, the results can be disastrous. Elevator lobby-side entrances and main building entrance doors can cost thousands of dollars to repair. Not only is it costly, but it can take weeks to order and install new glass doors and repair or replace elevator frames and lobby-side walls.

The Building

What can property managers do to minimize the inherent risk of office relocation? At “ground zero” property managers can arm their buildings against major damage.

Two products can reduce the risk of building entry/exit wounds.

The first new product solves a problem property managers have faced for years: how to protect the outer doorjamb and lobby-side walls of office-building elevators. The Mat-A-Door[®] consists of two vinyl-covered, high-density foam panels that protect the

outer frame and adjacent walls of passenger elevators when temporarily used for hauling freight such as during an office move. By covering lobby-side elevator jambs and walls, the device significantly reduces the risk of damage from movers and other contractors. Mat-A-Doors® complement elevator pads or elevator cab pads that go inside the elevator.

The Mat-A-Door® also doubles as bump-and-bang protection for main entrance doors during demolition, construction, and office moves. Its adjustable straps make it easy to fasten to main glass lobby and wood reception room doors.

The second is a product from Japan that protects carpet and floors better than Masonite. It's called Polynite® and it delivers all of the benefits of Masonite. But where Masonite moves around on the floor and leaves confetti-like powder and debris behind, this multi layered plastic is slip resistant and doesn't deteriorate. Movers love it because its lightweight makes it faster and easier to deliver and install.

If Masonite gets wet, it's ruined and must be thrown away. Since Polynite is made from plastic, water doesn't affect it. In fact, it can be washed. According to the manufacturer, Polynite® can last up to 10 years.

For more information about Polynite®, [see](#)

The Tenant

In addition to protecting buildings to prevent damage, what else can building managers and real estate agents do to ensure a successful move? Do a walkthrough immediately before the move with a representative from the moving company following

the path of the furniture to note the preexisting condition of the elevator, lobbies, walls, main entrance doors, and floors. Immediately after the move, do a follow-up walkthrough with the same building and mover representatives to note any new damage caused by the mover.