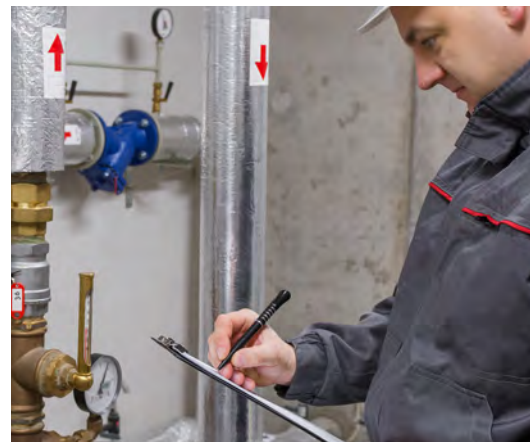


The Dangers of Deferring Commercial Building Maintenance



A U.S. survey recently revealed that roughly half of all commercial buildings were constructed before 1980, making the average age of commercial facilities around 32 years old! While they say 30 is the new 20, the reality is that many of these buildings haven't received the routine maintenance services and checks they require and are often neglected in some way. If you're a facility manager, you know that shrinking budgetary guidelines can often make things challenging when it comes to making a case for general maintenance services that could seem non-urgent. But this trend in deferred maintenance could actually result in far greater expenses down the line. Read on for the dangers of deferred commercial building maintenance, why your commercial building will benefit from preventative maintenance measures, and what your company can do to get back on schedule.



1. Repair it before you must replace it

The truth is that deferred maintenance issues only grow the longer they're put off. Even when a minor repair issue is identified, chances are that the fixture in need of repair is still subject to daily use. This is especially dangerous for commercial buildings that receive a high level of foot traffic. In the process of being deferred, a minor repair could quickly turn into a full-blown replacement. Mechanical or electrical system repairs for example, could begin as minor issues that quickly snowball into a major system failure. And no matter what kind of commercial business you work for, this could severely impact the flow of daily business. Make sure your company has created a comprehensive, proactive preventative maintenance program schedule to ensure your commercial building isn't hit in the future with costly replacements and the loss of business.

2. Make preventative maintenance measures routine

If it's not broke, don't fix it, right? Maybe so, but turning a blind eye to needed repairs could cost you later in repair fees that could potentially be upwards of 30 times greater than the cost of early intervention! Routine maintenance checks are imperative to a well-functioning business. Think of all the elements of your commercial facility that work to ensure your employees, guests, tenants, and customers stay safe and comfortable throughout a business day. Your building and the professional environment it creates is an investment worth protecting. Routine preventative maintenance care from a commercial building expert could save you the cost of expensive replacements and may prevent the loss of business and productivity your company could face if it continues to skip routine checks. Contact Calico today to receive expert maintenance check services to keep your business running smoothly.

3. Create an assessment checklist

Between routine maintenance checks from a commercial building services provider, try creating a periodic facility assessment schedule for your team so that building issues are identified early and existing problems are being

monitored. Make sure to assess mechanical and electrical equipment, the building's infrastructure (exterior and interior) and the surrounding property. Check out our cleaning and maintenance checklist for facility managers [here](#) to get started on building your own.

This article was brought to you by Calico Building Services. The faster you're able to schedule a routine maintenance check or repair, the better. Our team is ready to work with you to protect the investment on your commercial facility and ensure your company doesn't suffer from greater repair costs in the future. We offer premier janitorial, repair and maintenance, and construction services to a vast range of industries such as retail and entertainment centers, medical and dental facilities, large corporate offices, and financial institutions. Learn more about our wide range of maintenance services by visiting us [here](#). We look forward to working together to protect your building's safety and the safety of your employees, guests, customers, and clients. Contact Calico today to request a proposal!

About Calico Building Services

Calico Building Services, Inc. is a privately held company founded in 1986 by husband and wife, Ron and Kathy Strand. By developing a reputation for quality workmanship and superior customer service, the company has grown organically to become a leading provider of building, facility and property services in the Western and Central U.S. with reach and capabilities nationwide. Today, the company employs more than 900 team members and works with hundreds of strategic partners throughout the U.S.

Our core service areas delivered through the company's three divisions include janitorial, repairs and maintenance as well as construction. With our relentless customer-centric commitment to quality and service, we serve: national retailers, banks, building owners, universities, medical facilities, government municipalities and facilities managers. Our numerous customers range from regional success stories to Fortune 500 companies.

We are proud to offer one of the most comprehensive and unique portfolio of services in the industry. From day one, personalization and offering mission-critical solutions to our valued customers has been our top priority. Depending on our customers' needs and requirements, we can deliver our services as a self-performing company or we can deploy a network of Calico certified vendors and suppliers through effective project management. Whether they are fellow team members or certified vendors, we only hire the best and most qualified service personnel and technicians. Each of our divisions are managed and staffed by highly trained and experienced professionals in their respective fields.

There are many reasons why so many companies nationwide rely on Calico Building Services, Inc. for all their building, facility and property services. At the core, and the key differentiator, are our people and their constant commitment to excellence and unparalleled service.

CALICO BUILDING SERVICES, INC.

Corporate Office
15550-C Rockfield Blvd., Irvine, CA 92618
1-800-576-7313
www.CalicoWeb.com