Prevent Inventory Loss with Automated Warehouse Management

In order for a business to run smoothly and make the most out of their sales, it's imperative that their warehouse is operating to its fullest extent and stocking the correct amount of products. Shrinkage is when a warehouse has fewer products in stock than the business believes.

This is a common problem in retail and manufacturing industries. To prevent the loss of inventory and ultimately loss of sales in the warehouse, incorporate automated tools to decrease human error and operational issues.

Barcode Scanning

Receiving a product shipment means inputting the stock quantity into a spreadsheet. This mindless task is an opportune moment for human error to occur. To decrease the risk for recording incorrect information, use barcode scanning. Employees can scan barcodes right from their phone as they shelve products and update the quantity directly in the database.

This method is simple and efficient, as nobody has to sit at a computer for data entry. The quantity and product automatically updates in the warehouse database as it is scanned. This also allows you to catch any shrinkage early if the quantity of products ordered does not match the quantity of products received.

Detailed Reports and Analyses

With detailed reports of the quantity of products in the warehouse, purchase orders, customer orders, and received payments, warehouse managers can easily identify shrinkage and predict future order trends. Managers can easily analyze reports of purchase orders and customer orders to adjust the product quantity kept in the warehouse. When there are too many products in the warehouse, there is more opportunity for shrinkage.

When purchase orders, customer orders, and stock quantity do not add up, warehouse managers can identify shrinkage quickly and efficiently. With multiple automatically generated reports, m`warehouse at all. Once the issue is identified, managers can take steps to combat loss prevention in the warehouse.

Timely Product Tracking

Warehouse employees will know where a product is at all times with automated timely product tracking. With a cloud-based software, stock quantity and orders are updated immediately and automatically. Long gone are the days of waiting for someone to update a spreadsheet. This reduces miscommunication between a business and their warehouse, as everyone knows the correct product quantity in the warehouse at all times.

Not only are products tracked while in the warehouse, but they are also tracked while in transit to customers. This ensures that all products arrive to the customer. If not, the warehouse can see where it ended up. This information is also updated automatically in the database so everyone has the same information at the same time.

Increase Accuracy and Quality

Paper files and folders are a way of the past. Misplaced files, incorrect data entry, or miscommunication can cause inaccurate orders and shipments. An inaccurate order or shipment can lead a customer to become unsatisfied, which results in the loss of sales for your company.

Business process automation software collects the correct data in one place and ensures that orders are processed and shipped in the right quantity and to the right address.

Reduce Labor Costs and Double Handling

Each time an employee touches a product, it increases the chance for inventory error, damage, and raises labor cost. When too many people are involved in the stocking or shipping of a product, human error is more likely to take place, resulting in a loss of inventory.

Reduce the amount of people working with inventory products and the cost for that labor with business process automation software. This software will streamline the tasks in the warehouse and reduce the number of "touches" on each product or package. You can track how many times a product is touched with an automated software and find a solution to reduce double handling.

Receive Product Shipments and Reduce Yard Congestion

Missing a scheduled shipment can put your warehouse and company back significantly, especially if customers are waiting for their orders to be shipped. When shipments do arrive and they congest the yard, it introduces more opportunity for error and loss of inventory.

With automation tools, the warehouse will never miss another shipment and will be able to manage the yard and stock products on the shelves in a timely and organized manner where all of the products are accounted for. Clearing out yard congestions allows your warehouse to receive more shipments and ultimately grow your business and satisfy customers by fulfilling orders in a timely fashion.

Effectively Use Storage and Work Space

A cluttered and disorganized warehouse can result in loss of inventory and confusion when fulfilling orders. When storage and workspace is not used effectively, the chance for miscommunication, loss of inventory, and decreased productivity increases. If the space in the warehouse isn't used effectively, your company may be wasting money on another warehouse that they do not need, therefore increasing business expenses.

Business process automation software can help streamline the processes of your warehouse and identify issues in processes and the layout of the warehouse. Warehouse managers can locate exactly where a product is while organizing the receiving, assembly, storage, picking, packing, and shipping process.

Identify Supply and Demand Fluctuation

The fluctuation of supply and demand can leave a warehouse unprepared and struggling to manage shipments and orders. This can result in the loss of sales because customers do not receive their product in a timely fashion due to loss of inventory or lack of inventory.

Warehouse managers can view analytics and the fluctuation of supply and demand with a business process automation software because it collects data from every aspect of the warehouse. From shipments to orders and the time of the year, warehouse managers can better prepare for a predicted influx of orders. Warehouse processes can also be optimized to handle a large amount of orders at any time when processing issues have been identified and fixed.

Improve Disorganized Processes and Environment

When unexpected shipments or orders are placed, warehouse staff may feel overwhelmed, which leaves room for human error and loss of inventory. This can result in disorganized paperwork and data and unfulfilled orders.

Organize and streamline warehouse processes by identifying the specific issues with business process automation software. Warehouse managers can understand what mistakes are costing the warehouse and keep track of data revolving in the warehouse.

Decrease Product Waste

If you find that your warehouse has a great amount of product waste due to expired products, your company is losing money. It is easy to ship the latest orders received and forget to move the older items on the shelf. This is the result of poor management and information processing.

With business process automation software, the warehouse can record which products need to be shipped out first so they do not expire on the shelves. This software allows pickers to know the exact location of the product to avoid shipping the incorrect product. If the warehouse finds that they are not moving inventory as quickly as planned, the software can identify how much inventory they should keep in the warehouse based on the company's sales, avoiding product waste.
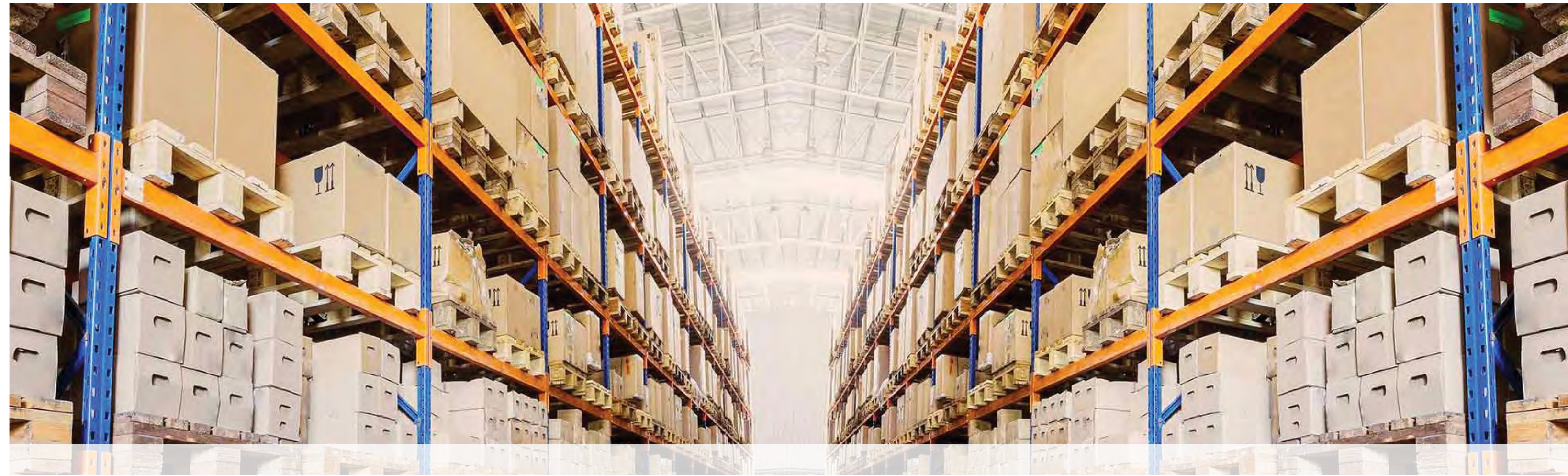
Ineffective Materials

If your warehouse finds products damaged during shipment or while in storage, you may be using the wrong materials. These damaged products result in loss of inventory because they can no longer be shipped to a customer. When a damaged product is returned, it can be costly to process the return and send a replacement to the customer.

With a business process automation software, warehouse managers can identify just how many products are damaged in transit and while sitting in the warehouse. This will help identify the problem and find a solution to decrease the number of damaged products sent out.

Standardize Warehouse Processes

When you find that your warehouse relies on key experts and employees to make the warehouse run smoothly, this can be an issue. If this person is out one day or leaves the warehouse, these informal processes can take a toll on the entire warehouse's processes.

When a warehouse standardizes its processes so anyone can take part in specific tasks, it ensures that a warehouse will run smoothly and without delays at all times. These formal streamlined processes will reduce the number of missed orders, cost of training employees, and reduce errors overall in the warehouse.

Prevent
Inventory Loss with LionO360

Prevent inventory loss in your warehouse with LionO360, a complete business process automation software. With automated systems employees can efficiently record product quantities with barcode scanning. Warehouse managers can easily identify inventory loss with detailed reports automatically created from information in your database and take steps to prevent loss of inventory. Lastly, LionO360 is a cloud-based software that automatically updates product quantity and customer orders in a timely manner. LionO360 also helps to identify issues in warehouse processes, packaging, and predict supply and demand fluctuations so your warehouse is ready to handle any amount of orders at all times.

Start your free trial of LionO360 to start preventing inventory loss in your warehouse today.

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