

## Care and Maintenance: Vinyl Flooring

*Carefully following these guidelines will ensure that the longevity of your vinyl floors will be extended.*

### Preventative Care:

- During non-heating seasons – summer, fall, spring. We recommend turning on the air conditioner, or dehumidifier, periodically heater as necessary
- During the winter months – when your central heaters are running; we recommend using a central humidifier to minimize shrinkage which occurs under low humidity conditions.

### Scratches and Blemishes:

- Regular cleaning of dirt, grit, dust, salt and any other abrasive materials will help to prevent scratches or blemish to the wear-layer of your vinyl floors.
- Placing area rugs and mats at doorways and high traffic areas are highly recommended to lessen wear and tear.
- Always clean area rugs and mats regularly as they are prone to trapping abrasive materials.
- Avoid letting sharp objects come into direct contact with your floors – high heels, cleats etc. any hard objects which may cause irreversible damage.
- Place felt pads or floor protectors on the bottom of furniture to prevent scratching when moving furniture – careful not to drag any furniture across the surface of your vinyl floors.



- When vacuuming floors – be sure to not to drag any plastic or metal attachments as that will scratch the surface of the finish and damage the floors.
- Avoid prolong contact with rubber as it can create a chemical reaction that will stain your vinyl floors – latex, rubber, bicycle wheels etc.

### Water and Spills:

- If water or any other liquid is spilled, promptly wipe, and dry the area – avoid wiping into the bevel between planks.
- DO NOT use any household agents: oils, cleaners, soaps, waxes, pinesol, vinegar etc in cleaning vinyl floors as it may damage the finish and wear layer and void your warranty.
- Steam cleaners are damaging to vinyl floors and should be avoided.

### Sunlight and Discoloration:

- Prolonged exposure to sunlight will cause changes to the color of vinyl flooring. It is a natural phenomenon and the fading of color of vinyl should be expected if exposed to prolonged sunlight or intense lighting.
- To moderate sunlight exposure, it is recommended to have light filtering window coverings – drapes and blinds.