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## **VINYL (Lino)**

### **Day-to-Day Care**

- Sweep or vacuum regularly to remove excess dirt and grit that can abrade, dull or scratch the floor. Do not use a vacuum with a beater bar on your vinyl floor.
- Wipe up spills promptly with a damp cloth or mop.
- Wash your floor with manufacturer recommended 'No-Rinse' cleaner.

Caution: Avoid one-step 'mop & polish' products, dishwashing liquids and oil-based cleaners. These may leave a residue which can attract dirt and dull the finish. Avoid cleaners that contain abrasives or solvents which may permanently damage your floor.

### **Preventative Care**

1. Protect against indentations and furniture damage. Make sure furniture legs have non-staining floor protectors (felt pads).
  - a. Use wide, flat casters and cups for heavy furniture.
  - b. Use non-staining rubber surfaced wheels that are at least ¾" wide instead of metal casters which can damage your floor.
  - c. Glides, furniture cups and chair legs should be covered with felt pads. The pads need to be checked regularly for grit and wear and replaced when necessary.
2. Place mats at entrances to prevent dirt, grit and soil from being tracked onto your floor which can scratch it. Use 100% latex-backed mats as some rubber-backed mats or carpets may permanently stain your floor. Dirt, grit and soil can abrade, dull or scratch your floor.
3. Some mat backings, carpet dyes, paints/stains, sealers- especially coal tar or asphalt based sealers- can permanently damage your floor.
4. Vinyl floors can be sunburned- they may discolour or fade when overexposed to the sun. Draw drapes and blinds during peak periods of strong, direct sunlight.
5. Heat producing appliances, such as a refrigerator or range and hot air registers emitting a direct flow of heat in excess of 120 degrees F, can scorch, burn, discolour or fade your floor. Cigarettes, matches and other very hot objects will also damage your floor.
6. Avoid wearing stiletto or spiked heels on your floor. These types of heels can indent or damage any floor.

Please call your flooring consultant or designer if you have any questions about your vinyl floor.