



The IICRC Consumer Floor and Furnishings Care Information Tip Sheet – Urine Odors- Upholstery

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Urine odors may be difficult to remove from your upholstered furniture. Urine typically penetrates beneath fabric into the fiberfill or down inside of cushions and into structural materials beneath the body of upholstered furniture.

Your IICRC certified technician may be able to inject odor treatments beneath the fabric but will not be able to tell if the treatment has reached all of the urine deposits. In addition, there may be risks of permanent staining from materials beneath the fabric that can bleed as a result of the treatment. Replacing deeply contaminated seat and pillow cores, along with a thorough cleaning and deodorization of the covers, may be necessary for heavy contamination.

Your cleaning technician is not responsible for hidden damage and will need your approval that you understand this risk before any odor treatments are applied.

It is recommended to contact an IICRC Certified [Odor Control Technician](#) and [Upholstery Cleaning Technician](#).

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