

# Maintenance & Cleaning

Thanks to the latest developments in laminate flooring, keeping your floors clean has become simpler than ever. Follow these guidelines to reduce the need for maintenance and preserve the elegance of your flooring. Routine upkeep mainly involves gently sweeping with a soft bristle broom, especially if your floor has a beveled edge that might accumulate debris.

# LAMINATE FLOORING

#### **→ PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE:**

- To prevent indentations and scratches, ensure you have non-staining floor protectors beneath the legs of chairs, appliances, and all heavy furniture. These protectors should have a minimum diameter of 1 inch. Regularly clean these protectors to eliminate any embedded grit that could potentially cause scratching.
- Place walk-off mats or area rugs at doorways. Mats and area rugs should have a non-slip rubberized backing and be labeled as non-staining.
- We recommend the use of a hard surface (non-studded), non-rubber chair mat to protect your floor from office chairs with casters.
- > Keep pets' nails trimmed.
- Remove shoes with cleats, spikes, or pointed high heels before walking on the floor. The force exerted by a 125-pound person walking in high heels can be as much as 2,000 pounds per square inch, and an exposed heel nail can exert up to 8,000 pounds per square inch. Such impacts have the potential to cause dents in any type of flooring.

## **♥ CLEANING:**

- > Sweep the floor regularly with a soft bristle broom to remove loose dirt.
- Clean your floors periodically with a professional vinyl floor cleanser. Ultimate Floors recommends a P/H Neutral vinyl cleanser, such as Bona®.
- For everyday cleaning, a damp mop moistened with warm water will suffice.

## **X** DON'T:

- > Do not use a steam mop and never use a high speed buffer.
- Never push, pull, or drag furniture, appliances, or other items across the floor. Always lift and carry furniture or heavy items.

**NOTE:** Always read the cautionary information on all cleaners prior to use.