

## PROPER WOOD FLOOR MAINTENANCE:

**SWEEP THE FLOOR DAILY** with a properly treated dust mop that is devoted to 1 floor only. (Treat the mop with a waterless dust-mop treatment). If the floor is used heavily, sweep it up to three times per day.

**WIPE UP SPILLS** and any moisture on the floor surface immediately.

**MAKE SURE THE HEATING/VENTILATING/AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM IS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY** and set to maintain indoor relative humidity between 35 percent and 50 percent year round. Low humidity can cause shrinkage/gaps in the flooring; High humidity can cause swelling/cupping of the flooring.

**GUM CAN BE LIGHTLY SCRAPPED OFF** with a plastic putty knife and cleaned with mineral spirits. The use of aerosol products that freeze the gum may be also used to harden the gum and then lightly scrape it off the floor, being careful not to scratch the finish.

**INSPECT FLOOR FOR TIGHTENING OR SHRINKAGE.** During wet weather, check for water leakage around doors and windows. Remove debris from expansion voids.

**ALWAYS PROTECT THE FLOOR** when moving heavy portable equipment or lifts. Ensure portable equipment does NOT have crowned wheels or wheels that include center ridges remaining from the molding process.

**MONTHLY DAMP (NOT WET) MOP** the floor, but **DO NOT flood the floor with water! This will cause damage to your wood floor!**

- Mopping solution: 1 Gallon hot water  
1 cup vinegar  
1 cup rubbing alcohol
- Use a mop dedicated to the wood floor. Mops used with other cleaning products such as wax or strippers, can leave a residue on the floor.
- Change the cleaning solution frequently when mopping otherwise dirt will simply be moved around but not picked up.

**SCHEDULE YEARLY MAINTENANCE SCREEN & RECOATS** which are recommended for wood floors every 12 months. Refinishing is recommended every 5 years depending on usage. This will keep your floor in good condition and make it last longer.

### NEVER Do the Following:

**NEVER** shut down the ventilation system in your facility.

**NEVER** clean your wood floor using scrubbing machinery or power scrubbers that use water under pressure. Water is your floor's worst enemy!

**NEVER** operate heavy lift equipment on your floor, the extreme weight of these machines can damage your wood floor system.

**NEVER** use household cleaning products or procedures. They can be harmful to the floor finish and to the wood and may also leave floors sticky or slippery, and potentially harmful to athletes.

**NEVER** use any tape on the wood floor. The tape may pull off the finish leaving a depression/hole that may get larger over time.

**NEVER** apply any commercial waxes. They will leave a residue that can only be removed by completely re-sanding down to the raw wood.

Contact us with any questions or to schedule a free site visit to discuss repairs or maintenance!

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