# **Maintenance Guides**

## **Sheet Vinyl**

#### **General cleaning**

You should remove daily dirt by sweeping, dry mopping, or ideally vacuum cleaning. Perform spot and stain removal with a damp cloth or a hand-pad. When it comes to damp cleaning it should only be done occasionally rather than daily. Using a microfibre damp mop is recommended, but a traditional mop can be used provided it is kept as dry as possible.

#### Maintenance

Appropriate maintenance procedures will help preserve the appearance and extend the life of Vitality Sheet Vinyl. The frequency of maintenance will depend on the amount and type of traffic, degree of soiling, and the floor colour and type. Some Vitality Sheet Vinyl floors, such as Vitality Aquarius and Vitality Pegasus, have a PU lacquer on top of the resistant wear layer. This lacquer protects against soiling and makes the overall maintenance easier. A PU lacquer also makes a prior treatment with protection polish unnecessary. If necessary, seek further advice.

#### **External Conditions**

The appropriate management of external conditions can help protect the flooring, which saves time and expense on cleaning and maintenance and extends its lifespan. Most soiling comes from an external source and is transported indoors by foot and rolling traffic. If dirt lodges under sliding furniture, the flooring will not only be soiled but will also suffer damage in the form of scratches. It is recommended that furniture feet and the like are protected with felt pads.

### **Entrance mats**

A proper clean-off zone is strongly recommended. It will reduce the soiling of the flooring by as much as 70%. Entrance mats, when properly serviced, can effectively remove any abrasive and foreign materials from foot traffic and cut down on tracked-in water. UK Flooring Direct recommends a minimum of two full strides of entrance matting. Where possible, prevent dirt from reaching the floor. A suitable barrier matting system will help prevent soiling and abrasive material from entering a building and make maintenance easier. Regularly clean the clean-off zone so that it functions optimally. Avoid rubber or latex-backed mats, rubber furniture feet, wheels, or tyres, as these may leave stains.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

- Take care to immediately wipe up any spillages on the sheet vinyl flooring to minimise the risk of permanent staining occurring.
- Sheet vinyl flooring can be slippery when wet.
- If the use of a neutral pH detergent is necessary, then follow the rules and mixing proportion quantities of the manufacturer.
- After cleaning, the floor should be dry within 1 or 2 minutes so there is no residual water, with no cleaning detergent and dirt, remaining on the floor.
- Do not use a steam mop or steam cleaning appliances.