

## PREVENTIVE CARE

- If other works will take place in the room where the floor is installed, protect it with craft paper, plywood or hardboard.
  - The recommend room conditions are 35-65% R.H. at 20°C (68°F).
  - When using intensive room heating, the indoor air humidity may drop so low that the floor is prone to dry out. Since cork is a natural material, this may cause shrinkage of the tiles that will result in minor gaps in the flooring joints. Use a room humidifier to prevent this.
  - Note that rugs or mats placed on top of the floor may function as heat accumulators and will increase the floor surface temperature more than the maximum surface temperature recommended (must not exceed 20-22°C).
  - Do not drag furniture across the floor.
  - Use felt pads on chair and furniture legs.
  - Office roller chairs must comply with EN12529 (Type W).
- Use protective office mats under the rolling chairs.
- Avoid moisture on the floor.
  - Place quality walk-off mats at all entrances to retain dirt, grit and moisture.
  - Place area rugs or mats in front of the kitchen appliances and sink to protect your cork floor from very high use, water spillages, dropping food, grease, and everything else that can cause premature wear of your kitchen floor.
  - Cork, as a natural material, may tend to fade when exposed to sunlight. Cork and wood are natural products; colour change may be expected when exposed to natural light over a period of time. Cork will tend to fade while wood tends to mellow or darken. It is important to move area rugs and furniture to allow for even colour change.
  - Use blinds, curtains or other sun screening system to minimize this effect.
  - Never use latex or rubber backed mats as they can permanently stain the floor.
  - Never use cleaning products with abrasive ingredients or solvent based (e.g. acetone).
  - Never use wire brushes.
  - Wicanders floors are easy to maintain. You only need a mild detergent and a vacuum cleaner. For daily/weekly maintenance, you can also use a broom handle with a cloth on the end. The removable cloth has a substance with anti-static characteristics, which will clean all the dust and prevent its settling on the floor.
  - For maintaining your floor as new, Wicanders recommends a range of Maintenance Products, which will give pleasant results. For its correct use follow the instructions on the packaging labels of each product, as well as the information from technical data sheets.