

5 IMPORTANT CLEANING & MAINTENANCE REMINDERS TO PREVENT MOLD

- 1 DO counteract moisture generating tasks.**
Carpet cleaning, floor stripping & waxing and even painting ADD moisture to the indoor environment. **To counteract this risk, know the Relative Humidity in your space. Add dehumidification to keep RH below 60% and fans to promote air flow.**
- 2 DON'T close interior doors.**
Once rooms are deep cleaned, do not shut the doors. **Keeping the doors open promotes airflow, and provides a visual reminder to re-enter frequently, to inspect for signs of mold producing conditions.** Be on the lookout for excessive humidity, water intrusion/rust, condensation, and surface temperature differentials.
- 3 DO inspect underneath surfaces, inside closets, casework and drawers.**
Mold likes dark, enclosed spaces with stagnant air. Therefore surfaces underneath furniture and inside closets, casework and drawers become hidden habitats for mold to grow. Covid surface cleaning placed an emphasis on what the eyes can see, and occupants can touch. **Don't let this well-intended virus protocol become a microbial producing pitfall.** Proactive mold inspections necessitate a **"360° visual approach"** in order to be thorough and effective. [View Checklist.](#)
- 4 DON'T stack furniture.**
Stacking furniture creates a vapor barrier between surfaces, providing a hospitable place for mold growth. This risk increases if furniture like chairs are newly cleaned, still damp and placed one on top of the other.
- 5 DO provide refresher training for staff.**
Whether your staff is comprised of longtime employees or new hires, **a key component of your comprehensive IAQ and Mold Management Plan is training.** Over the years we've been told that staff are more receptive to an "outside voice" when providing refresher training on a specific topic. AllRisk's educational sessions are always complimentary, and can be customized virtually or in-person to meet your scheduling needs.

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