

# GENERAL CARE GUIDELINES

## APPLICABLE TO ALL HARLEQUIN VINYL SURFACES

Harlequin vinyl floors are produced from specially formulated polyvinyl chloride, with surface finishes appropriate to the activities to which you are likely to put them. Below are some general care guidelines for users to follow in order to minimise the possibility of damage to the surface of their Harlequin vinyl.

### Storage and handling

If your Harlequin floor is not laid permanently, always keep it firmly wound onto the cardboard core from the original packaging. This helps to prevent the floor from being flattened or dented and makes handling easier.

Never wind up the rolls without a core inside and never store them horizontally on top of each other with no core to support them, as this will certainly cause them to flatten and oval, resulting in stubborn or permanent ripples. If you do have to store the rolls flat, make sure that they are not stacked more than two rolls high and lay no heavy objects on top.

### Shoes

Many dance schools tend to avoid outdoor shoes, as grit and dirt can help to scuff the floor and increase the need to clean. If outdoor shoes will be worn, make sure that there is an area before stepping onto the dance floor where they can be wiped/cleaned. Stiletto heels should be avoided if they have very sharp edges.

### Furniture/Staging

Any tables and chairs that are placed on the floor should be checked to make sure they have rubber/plastic feet rather than the plain metal tubing, which could cut and scuff the floor.

Avoid dragging any objects over the floor such as tables, chairs, benches or stage equipment as this may scuff and even cut into the floor if they have protruding sharp edges. It is advisable to use spreader boards for any heavy items to prevent any possible damage.

### Tap dancing

No floor, apart from perhaps steel or granite, will stand up indefinitely to loose taps and screws which can wear razor-sharp, so shoes should be inspected regularly.

Our cushioned vinyls are not recommended for tap dancing.

### Harlequin's guarantee

Our guarantee provides examples of what we consider to be unreasonable damage, which would not usually be covered by us but, as we state at the end of the guarantee, we would always be happy to help even beyond that period.

**If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.**

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