

## Risk Alert: Gym Floors

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### Questions?

If you have any questions regarding this risk alert, please contact your local broker, or your Clear Risk Solutions Risk Manager directly at 800.407.2027.

We have received several property claims recently involving damage to gym floors due to improper maintenance. To help minimize the frequency of this type of claim, we are making the following risk management recommendations:

#### Do:

1. Sweep floor daily with a properly treated dust mop to prevent buildup of dust and debris.
2. Immediately remove spills or moisture.
3. Keep water and moisture off the floor near exterior doorways during inclement weather.
4. Protect the floor when using lifts or rolling loads. This can be done by placing plywood (at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ " ) down to protect boards from cracking. Make sure to check the manufacturer specifications with your installer for other protective measures.
5. Maintain HVAC system to control inside relative humidity (usually between 35-50%).
6. Only use approved floor cleaners on the floor surface.
7. Implement annual screening and re-coating as part of your maintenance schedule.
8. Check with your installer/contractor before attempting any repairs.

#### Don't:

1. **Never** use scrubbing machines or power scrubbers that use water to clean your floor.
2. Do not use regular household cleaning products on your floor – in many cases they can leave the floor sticky, slippery, or ruin the finish.
3. Do not put tape down on the floor.
4. Do not anchor bleachers or other fixtures through the wood floors without cutting away the wood from the lag base to provide an expansion gap.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office or your broker if you have any questions regarding this information, or if we can be of further assistance.



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