

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR CABINET FURNITURE

When buying cabinet furniture, you are doing so with a view to keeping it for a long time. It makes sense to look after it from day one. With consistent care and maintenance your investment will stay beautiful for many, many years. Simply follow the appropriate guidelines below.

TIPS TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF YOUR CABINET FURNITURE

- Do not place furniture near heat sources or air conditioning units.
- Avoid changes in humidity, and especially steam.
- Always leave a gap behind wardrobes and wall units to allow air to circulate.
- Protect furniture from strong or prolonged sunlight.
- Avoid marking furniture with sharp objects, for example when using a ballpoint pen.
- Carefully lift your furniture, never drag or push it.
- Do not rock backwards on dining chairs.
- Always follow fitting instructions for wall-fixing, glass surfaces and shelves.
- Uneven floors could give the impression that doors of wall units and wardrobes are out of alignment, so be aware of this and compensate if necessary by adjusting the hinges or packing a corner to level the item.
- Do not place hot dishes, cups or plates onto any cabinet or table top - use insulated mats as protection.
- Don't overstrain drop flap stays and hinges or place heavy items onto glass shelves.
- Take care not to drag crockery across the wood surface or to put heavy items on the surface without protection.

SCRATCHES

With wood products the best way to deal with scratches is to employ the services of a professional polisher. Your local furniture retailer should be able to recommend one.

WOOD PRODUCTS

Wood is a naturally occurring product; part of its beauty is that no two pieces can be the same. The depth and shade of colours and grain pattern vary from item to item.

REGULAR AND EASY-CARE MAINTENANCE

- Gently dust your furniture and polish with a soft, lint-free buffing cloth.
- The colour of real wood matures with exposure to light, so it is important to rotate ornaments regularly and expose table leaves to avoid noticeable colour differences occurring.
- Never use silicon or wax polishes that leave residue on surfaces.
- Only use good quality wax-free proprietary furniture polish, where recommended by the manufacturer.
- Disconnect any light fittings from the mains before changing bulbs.
- Dining chair upholstery can be lightly vacuumed or gently brushed to remove dust.

STOP SPILLS BECOMING STAINS

- Blot up any spills immediately.
- Do not try to wash or rub spills and do not use detergents.
- Finger marks can be removed with a clean, slightly damp cloth.
- Protect wood surfaces with felt under-cloths and place mats.

CLEANING

- Always follow your manufacturer's cleaning instructions to the letter.
- Most lacquer or synthetic finishes on real wood give a semi-permanent barrier to make cleaning as easy as possible.
- Assume that all wooden furniture will not resist water, chemicals or heat.
- Natural wax finishes are porous and stain easily.
- Man-made foil and melamine may be dusted or wiped with a damp cloth.
- Clean upholstery at least once a year and before soiling becomes ingrained.

FURNITURE

Tall cabinets may need fixing to the wall and most items are marked accordingly, however, if you are unsure about the stability of an item, please contact us.

Changes in temperature and atmospheric moisture content will cause movement in furniture. This has always been an inherent characteristic and is not a manufacturing fault.

Heavy furniture will leave indentations in carpets and may mark hard flooring if it is dragged across it.

Fabrics on dining chairs can be protected against staining - please ask for details.

The marble and stone within furniture we sell are natural materials and contain all the variations and unique colouring found in nature. It is not possible to control the occurrence of these characteristics.