

C. Smooth Floors		
<p>C.1 How often are smooth floors mopped thoroughly? Thorough mopping means all the floor area that is accessible, including under tables, chairs, play areas, and objects that can be easily moved.</p> <p>Check rooms for dirty smooth floors.</p>	<p>Clean smooth floors thoroughly with a dust mop (slightly wetted with mopping oil) daily.</p> <p>OK See Notes</p>	<p>Routine thorough floor cleaning is necessary to remove allergens present in floor dust, such mold spores, pollen, bacteria, pet dander, dust mites, and pest droppings. A dust mop (i.e., push mop) is the easiest way to pick up dust and other dry debris. Sticky residues and wet spills should be spot cleaned with a wet mop.</p>
<p>C.2 How often are room smooth floors wet mopped thoroughly? Thorough means all the floor area that is accessible including under tables, chairs, play areas, and objects that can be easily moved.</p>	<p>Mop floors thoroughly with a liquid cleaner at least once a week.</p> <p>OK See Notes</p>	<p>Routine wet mopping should be done in addition to dry mopping, to remove allergens and sticky residues that may provide nutrients for mold and bacteria.</p>
<p>C.3 How do you deal with spills and tough soiling that occur during the day?</p>	<p>Spot mop spills and significant soiling that need immediate attention during the day.</p> <p>Spot mop (as needed) areas at the end of the day that need extra attention (e.g. heavy use areas, obvious spills, for visible debris).</p> <p>Disinfect areas contaminated with bodily fluids immediately.</p> <p>Instruct staff to inform building maintenance about large spills and messes that need immediate attention, cleaning, or drying.</p> <p>OK See Notes</p>	<p>Bodily fluids, crumbs, and liquid spills need to be cleaned immediately during the day and at least at the end of the day. This helps to prevent mold, bacteria, and pests.</p>
<p>C.4 Is a separate mop used for kitchen, classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms? If the same mop is used to clean all floors, what is the order that rooms are mopped?</p>	<p>Use separate color-coded mops for different areas of the building, or mop floors in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kitchen • classrooms • bathrooms <p>OK See Notes</p>	<p>Mold, bacteria, and viruses should not be spread to sensitive areas (kitchens, classroom) from areas with higher concentrations of the contaminants (bathrooms).</p>
<p>C.5 Are vinyl tile floors stripped, sealed, and/or refinished according to manufacturer guidelines?</p>	<p>Follow the guidelines of the floor, stripping, and waxing chemical manufacturer--generally this should be done at least yearly.</p> <p>OK See Notes</p>	<p>Periodic restorative maintenance adds a smooth impermeable finish to smooth floors, which helps in the proper cleaning of dust and allergens from the floor. It also reduces the likelihood of mold growth in cracks. Every type of smooth flooring has different guidelines for restorative maintenance.</p>
<p>C.6 Do waxing, sealing, and stripping chemicals have a low concentration of volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) (such as a Green Seal or Green Guard chemicals)?</p>	<p>Talk to your vendor about selecting chemicals that have the lowest volatile organic chemical content (usually reported as percent by volume VOC), without significantly affecting performance.</p> <p>OK See Notes</p>	<p>Stripping, waxing, and other restorative floor maintenance products may off-gas a very large amount of VOCs. Environmentally preferable products emit lower levels of VOCs.</p>