



## **Guidelines for Managing Carpet Discoloration Due to Bleaching Agents**

### **Caution:**

- Various trades often use products containing bleaching agents, such as wood fillers used by decorators, which may include Benzoyl Peroxide (a form of bleach) or similar compounds.

### **Cause:**

- When wood fillers are sanded to achieve a smooth finish, fine particles can become airborne and settle on carpets.
- Over time, these particles may bleach the carpet, leading to pink spots where they have settled on the carpet.

### **Recommendations:**

- Ensure that all other trades have completed their work before carpets are installed.
- Perform a comprehensive cleaning of the subfloor, including thorough vacuuming to remove all dust.

### **Considerations - Carpet Protectors:**

- While many trades use carpet protectors, designed to prevent dust and stains, they may inadvertently contribute to the issue.
- Many carpet / flooring protector films use a tackifier (an adhesive) to attach the film to the carpet.
- This adhesive can transfer to the carpet pile, causing dust to adhere and making the carpet appear soiled and more challenging to clean.