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MYTHS

about Rubber Flooring in Commercial Spaces

We get lots of questions about the use of rubber flooring – especially as it relates to healthcare applications. Here are four misconceptions about rubber flooring worth further scrutiny.



MYTH 1: IT'S INEXPENSIVE TO INSTALL

On average, rubber flooring is actually the most expensive flooring option nationwide in terms of material costs and installation. Stringent low-moisture subfloor requirements, special testing equipment, and costly sub-floor prep increases labor costs compared to other resilient flooring solutions.



MYTH 2: IT'S EASY TO MAINTAIN

Rubber flooring has poor resistance to stains, oils, and grease, and requires ongoing maintenance that includes additional custom materials and machines. And sharp or heavy objects can easily cause indents or cracks when dropped.



MYTH 3: IT'S ALWAYS MORE SLIP-RESISTANT

Rubber only holds an advantage in slip resistance when it has highly textured surfaces, and no polyurethane wear layer. Regular maintenance with polish or coatings also nullifies any slip resistance advantage.



MYTH 4: IT'S ECO-FRIENDLY

Most rubber flooring products are not naturally sourced, but rather 100% synthetic rubber or contain as little as 10% or less of natural rubber. Once manufactured, it cannot be re-melted and recycled back into new rubber flooring.

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