

Laminate surfacing materials are designed for beauty and durability. Like any surfacing materials, however, they can be damaged by abuse and carelessness. When you use them where recommended and care for them properly, they will give you years of satisfaction.

### **Scratch and Impact Protection**

1. Do not slice, pound or hammer on any laminate surface.
2. Envelope openers and other sharp items may slice or scratch the surface.
3. Ceramics, desktop accessories and computer hardware can cause scratching and premature wear. Do not slide these items across the surface.

### **Chemical Damage**

1. Never use cleaners containing acid, alkali or sodium hypochlorite. These cleaners will mar, etch, corrode and permanently discolor the laminate surface. Also, make sure that bottles, rags and other materials contaminated with these cleaners never contact the laminate surface.

Examples of cleaners containing acid, alkaline or sodium hypochlorite include drain cleaners, rust removers, coffee pot cleaners, metal cleaners, tub and tile cleaner, chlorine bleach, oven cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, lime scale removers, ceramic cooktop cleaners and some counter top cleaners.

### **Cleaning Recommendations**

1. In most cases, you only need to use a clean, damp, non-abrasive cotton cloth and a mild liquid detergent or household cleaner. Clean the surface by using a rotating motion.
2. Rinse with clean water, using a clean, non-abrasive cotton cloth.
3. Do not flood the laminate, especially near seams, since water can penetrate and cause the substrate to swell.
4. Dry the surface with a soft, clean, non-abrasive cotton cloth.