

Cleaning & Maintenance of Upholstery

Your Seating Matters chair is upholstered with two distinct materials, Vinyl and Dartex multi-stretch material. See image above for how to identify these on your chair.

Vinyl

Properties

Vinyl is resistant to urine, most household stains, mild acids/alkalis, drinks and beverages as they are not absorbed and can be wiped off without any problem or lasting damage. Some difficult substances such as lipstick, ball point pen ink and food colourings should be cleaned off immediately to avoid permanent staining.

Dartex Multi Stretch Fabric

Properties

Dartex is waterproof, has the ability to be wiped clean and has biostatic (anti-mycotic) coatings to provide an impenetrable barrier to virus and bacteria.

Cleaning

Superficial dirt may be removed by wiping with a soft cloth moistened with water containing a neutral detergent. More persistent contamination may be treated by wiping with alcohols or turpentine substitute, followed by hot water and detergent.

Routine cleaning and disinfection may be carried out on the coating with hand hot water and a neutral detergent or with a bleach solution (0.1% or 1000 parts per million available chlorine). The material is compatible with the 10,000ppm available chlorine in solution required for the decontamination of blood spills. Excess solution must be removed and the surface thoroughly rinsed and dried prior to reuse or storage.

Proprietary disinfectants may be used provided manufacturer's instructions are followed.

All cleaning agents, and disinfectants, must be thoroughly rinsed off and the item dried after cleaning.

What you can use:

1. Warm Soapy Water	Use warm soapy water to wash down your chair. Bear in mind that it is important to dry the surface afterwards.
2. 70% Alcohol	This can be used in line with the manufacturer's guidelines.
3. Bleach	Concentrations of bleach from 1,000ppm to 10,000ppm available chlorine, is likely to be considered effective cleaning. Use bleach sparingly.

Example of Dilution Ratio

The ppm of available chlorine may vary with each different brand of bleach.

Search online for its data sheet and adjust your ratio accordingly to achieve a dilution of approx. 1000ppm of available chlorine.



Water



Bleach

For an in-depth guide to cleaning, please consult our Clinicians Guide to Infection Control, available on our website.

