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Carpet Cleaning – Spot Stain Techniques

Bleach Spots

Many household chemicals like acne medication, detergents, deodorisers, disinfectants, hair sprays etc. containing bleaching agents coming in contact with your carpet/rug may cause bleaching action on the dyes present in the carpet fibres. The result may be stains ranging from white to light yellow, pink and beige.

To prevent these stains, hands must be washed carefully after using any of these chemicals. Once bleached, these stains are permanent and require redyeing to treat them. The bleaching action may have the undesirable side effect of weakening the carpet fibres too.

Urine/Pet stains

Animal stains on carpets and rugs is one of the most frequently occurring problems. **If taken care of immediately, most pet/ urine stains leave no trace on the carpet.** But if neglected, they can cause dye loss, fabric deterioration and odour. There are two ways in which the pet urine stain will affect the carpet:

- **Immediate effect:** Some dyes may undergo noticeable colour change (note: this colour change is usually reversible unless neglected).
- **Long-term effect:** These effects may not be noticeable initially. Over the succeeding weeks and months, some dyes may undergo permanent colour changes. At times dyes can become weakened and tend to bleed. Carpet fibres may also be damaged by the chemical reactions between the fibre and the stain. Old urine stain smells strongly like ammonia. Wetting or moisture may increase this unpleasant odour. Urine may also support bacteria growth in carpet/padding.

The key to effective cleaning of pet/urine stain is **promptness**: blot up as much stain as possible using white, absorbent paper towel. Then rinse the affected area using household ammonia solution. Blot dry using paper towel. Rinse again using vinegar solution. Again, blot the area dry. For effective drying, you may use absorbent towels placed flat over the affected area and weighed down with heavy, flat objects like books.

Remember that professional cleaning or restoration might be required to take care of any discolouration and to effectively disinfect the area. In extreme case, the stain may be impossible to clean and may require removal of affected (are of the) carpet

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