



Chemicals
That Can
Harm Protea™

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Protea™, Kwalu's proprietary material, is designed for durability in healthcare and senior living environments. However, like all materials, Protea has defined limitations. Certain chemicals may cause surface damage, discoloration, or degradation depending on concentration, exposure time, and frequency of use.

The list below identifies chemicals that can adversely affect Protea and should be avoided.

Acetic Acid
Acetone⁶
Amines
Aromatic Hydrocarbons
Benzene²
Benzyl
Calcium Hypochlorite
Carbon Tetrachloride² ¹
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Chloroform

Cresols²
Ether³
Ethyl Acetate²
Formic Acid⁶
Furniture Polishes and Oils
Hexane¹
Hydrofluoric Acid (75%)¹ ²
Iodine
Iodine (In Alcohol)
Ketones

Lacquer Thinners
Last
Methyl Chloride
Methyl Ethyl Ketone
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone²
Methylene Chloride
Naphthalene
Nitric Acid (Concentrated Solution)
Sodium Borate



At Kwalu, we create nurturing environments that inspire care, comfort, and connection in healthcare and senior living.

For over 40 years, we've crafted high-quality, durable furniture that enhances the spaces where people live, heal, and build community. What sets us apart is Protea™, our proprietary, non-porous material that offers the beauty of wood with unmatched durability. Inspired by the resilient Protea flower, it ensures our furniture withstands high-traffic environments while remaining easy to clean and maintain.

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