

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 following chemicals may adversely affect Protea, Protea Fusion, and Protea Plus and should be avoided.

Acetic Acid	Cresols2	Lacquer Thinners
Acetone6	Ether3	Last
Amines	Ethyl Acetate2	Methyl Chloride
Aromatic Hydrocarbons	Formic Acid6	Methyl Ethyl Ketone
Benzene2	Furniture Polishes and Oils	Methyl Isobutyl Ketone2
Benzyl	Hexane1	Methylene Chloride
Calcium Hypochlorite	Hydrofluoric Acid (75%)1 2	Napthalene
Carbon Tetrachloride2 1	Iodine	Nitric Acid (Concentrated Solution)
Carbon Tetrachloride2 1	Iodine (In Alcohol)	Sodium Borate
Chloroform	Ketones	



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.

