

THE NEW



FLOOR SPACE

BCFCA President's Message



THE BCFCA IS ON THE MOVE TO BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS!

I am very pleased to report that the BC Floor Covering Association continues to grow and thrive as never before. There are many reasons for this. First and foremost we have a great and dedicated team of staff and board of directors working very hard to make the "New" BCFCA the very best for our members and our industry. Our close association with the Building Supply Industry Association (BSIA) has opened up many new opportunities for us and them.

Our Executive Director, Thomas Foreman, is also the President of the BSIA, so we have been able to jointly participate in not only social events, but business and education seminars,

and the Westcoast Building & Hardware Show this September 11–13th in Whistler.

We also share a 3000 sq. ft. building with a warehouse, offices and a boardroom and these facilities are available for our member companies to use for meetings, functions etc. Just give us a call!

We are pleased to announce that we are hosting the 2014 BCFCA Flooring Expo & Installation Convention on October 29th at the Coast Hotel & Convention Centre in Langley. This expo is for any company or individual that is involved in the flooring industry in installing, purchasing, selling, designing and architecture.

At the expo, the BCFCA will announce its partnership with the World Floor Covering

Association (WFCA). Be sure to visit the WFCA booth at the show. This is our first expo & convention since 2011 and we are very excited.

We are also continuing to do a lot of flooring inspections through our grievance and consumer affairs division. This service is available to all flooring dealers, consumers, architects, manufacturers and contractors.

If you have any questions or comments about the direction of the 'New' BC Floor Covering Association, please contact us at 604-881-4944 or by email at info@bcfca.com. Your input and suggestions are appreciated.

Chris Bland
BCFCA President

Check out our new website as well!!
www.bcfca.com ♦

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors extends this special invitation to all BCFCA members to attend the 2014 Annual General Meeting on Wednesday June 11th at the associations Surrey office, beginning at 3:30 pm.

This is your opportunity to voice your opinions, ask questions and have your say in the direction of the association.

The BCFCA is always looking for members to join its various committees and the AGM is a great time to put your name forward, get involved and get connected!!

Light refreshments and appetizers will be served.

Please RSVP by calling 604-881-4944 or email info@bcfca.com if you plan to attend.

We look forward to seeing you on June 11th! ♦

UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING FLOOR FAILURE

SUB-FLOOR ISSUES

MOISTURE



Resilient and wood flooring systems are extremely sensitive to moisture vapor emissions and hydrostatic pressure. Often, tests designed to detect substrate moisture are not taken properly or not taken at all.

Concrete slab dry times vary greatly based on slab thickness, concrete mix and weather conditions.

A new 6" slab can take 8 months or more to become dry enough for many flooring products. Moisture testing is the only way to be sure the substrate is dry enough to begin installing.

The recommended moisture tests for concrete slabs are:

- ASTM F1869 – Anhydrous Calcium Chloride test
- ASTM F2170 – Relative Humidity test
- 3 tests for the first 1000 sq ft and 1 for each additional thousand sq ft meets the industry standard.

ALKALINE (PH) LEVELS IN CONCRETE

Alkali can be left as a residue on concrete substrate surfaces when the water carrying alkaline salts evaporates during the concrete curing process. Excessive alkalinity can corrode or burn the edges of the flooring and can eat away at the adhesive causing bond failure.

Alkali (pH) detection testing (Litmus paper test) is recommended.

The pH (acid/alkalinity) scale is from 1–14.





The pH level of new concrete will usually be 12–13. This should be lower with drying. A pH range of 7–9 is acceptable for most floor covering materials.

LEVELING



All too often, the flooring contractor ends up rejecting the concrete slab surface because it is too rough or not level to manufacturer's tolerances. Long delays can result while the substrate is brought up to standard. In some cases the floor installation proceeds

regardless, leading to premature breakdown of the floor covering.

In new construction, once the first concrete pour is complete, an additional layer of self-leveling, cementitious underlayment is usually needed to flatten the main concrete slab before floor coverings can be installed. The NFCA Floor Manual states that this is considered an additional cost to the flooring work.

Leveling standards for most resilient and hardwood flooring products are:

- 1/8" + or – over 10' for suspended slab.
- 3/16" + or – over 10' for slab on or below grade. ♦

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Policies? Who Needs Policies?

Well, according to WorkSafeBC... You do!

As of November 2013 it became law that all companies in BC have an Anti-Bullying Policy as well as a Safety Policy and our Privacy Commissioner mandated that all companies must have a Privacy Policy.

Your association, the BC Floor Covering Association, has contracted CPM Manuals Ltd. and together created an industry specific employee policy manual that contains all these topics and much, much more (over 160 topics).

This policy manual is available at a greatly reduced price of \$749.00. This is one quarter of the usual \$2,999.00 - a saving of \$2,250 exclusively for our members.

For more information contact CPM Manuals 604-294-9789 or 866-925-9789 info@policymadeeasy.com or the BCFCFA office at 604-881-4944 or 866-575-9928. ♦

BCFCFA 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 5

Hardwood Seminar (with Scott Cooper)
BCFCFA Office

JUNE 11

BCFCFA Annual General Meeting
BCFCFA Office, Surrey

JUNE 12

Ladies Golf Tournament
Surrey Golf Club

JUNE 19

BSIA Lower Mainland Golf Tournament
Northview Golf & Country Club, Surrey

JULY 10

Members Appreciation Breakfast
BCFCFA Office, Surrey

AUGUST 22–23

Slo Pitch Tournament
Softball City, Surrey

SEPTEMBER 11–13

Westcoast Building & Hardware Show
Whistler Village

OCTOBER 29

2014 Flooring Expo & Installers Convention
Coast Langley City Hotel & Convention Centre, Langley

DECEMBER 13

Skate with Santa
Langley Event Centre




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