

## INSTALLATION GUIDE

### 6\_ HEAVY LOADS, CHIMNEY, VERANDA

Here are the precautions to take when laying ALSAFLOORING laminate flooring:

- under heavy furniture, such as pianos or other heavy items,
- under fireplaces or stoves,
- under kitchen units and central islands.

Any overloading or unsuitable installation may cause the planks to distort, the clic system to break, and consequently result in the loss of the warranty.

ALSAFLOORING laminate flooring must not be trapped under furniture or heavy fixed loads. This is a floating installation; if the laminate flooring is blocked, there is a risk of the planks lifting or breaking.

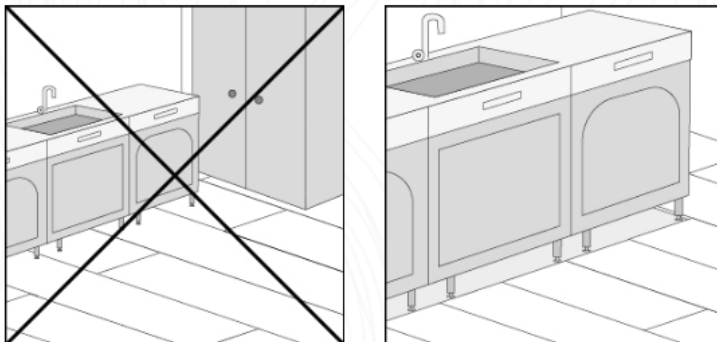
#### A. Heavy furniture

In the event of a point load exceeding  $100 \text{ kg/cm}^2$ , it is advisable to use load-distributing pads (e.g. metal piano castors or steel balls).

**Do not screw cupboard rails, banisters, door stops or any other objects directly onto the laminate flooring using drills and screws.**

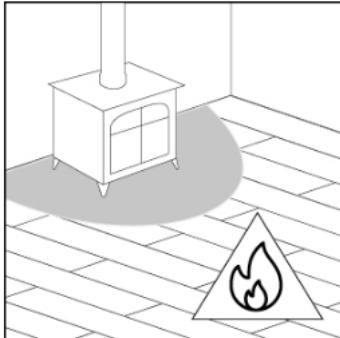
**Move heavy furniture and objects by lifting them, never by dragging them across the floor. This could damage and scratch the floor.**

#### B. Kitchen units or central islands:



**Do not place kitchen units or central islands directly on the laminate flooring.**

### C. Fireplaces or insert stoves :



It is essential to protect laminate flooring from ash splashes by placing a suitable metal sheet, tempered glass, or any other ash-resistant floor covering over a sufficient area around the fireplace.

Protect your laminate flooring from ash splashes from stoves or fireplaces.

### D. Veranda :

In a veranda, laminate flooring is subject to significant temperature fluctuations and a complete lack of insulation. It is possible to install Alsaflooring laminate flooring, but the installation conditions set out in the Installation Guidelines **must be strictly** adhered to.

Ensure that a suitable underlay (with integrated vapour-barrier) is laid beneath the flooring and that expansion joints of at least 10 mm are left around the perimeter of the room, so that the flooring can move freely. Observe the maximum and minimum humidity and temperature levels in the veranda: relative humidity must be between 50% and 65% and the temperature maintained between 18 °C and 30 °C.

Never allow water or other liquids to stand on the floor, and place suitable doormats to prevent dirt from being tracked onto the floor.

No discolouration due to exposure to sunlight is to be expected.