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With the global spread of Covid-19, hygiene measures and bacteria control have never been more important. This guide offers recommendations on how to clean and disinfect surfaces of Bolia products.

How to Handle Contaminated Furniture?
If you are concerned about potential contamination of furniture with Covid-19, please follow the recommendations below:

- Always comply with local government guidelines
- Do not use the furniture for at least 48 hours

Do Not Use the Furniture
Research indicates that the virus that causes Covid-19 is viable on surfaces for up to 48 hours in a normal and dry indoor environment. The exact life span of the coronavirus on surfaces is, however, still a matter of debate, and local authorities provide different answers. Consequently, we advise you to check and follow local government guidelines in your country, state or region.

Antibacterial Agents
Authorities including the Danish health authorities SSI – Statens Serum Institut – advice against fabrics treated with antibacterial agents, as the use of antibacterial agents may lead to an increase in the occurrence of multi-resistant bacteria.

To protect the environment and the health and safety of consumers, we do not recommend standard antibacterial and anti-viral agents for upholstery fabrics.¹

Furniture Care & Maintenance

Authentic materials create furniture that lasts, and with the right amount of love, care and cleaning you can double the life of your designs. Read here to learn all about how to care for and maintain all our different materials to ensure they get the best conditions for a long life.

**Care Products Developed for Our Materials**

- Bolia Wood Oil
- Bolia Wood Cleaner
- Bolia Conditioner
- Bolia Leather Cleaner
- Bolia Fabric Protector
- Bolia Fabric Cleaner
- Bolia Laminate Cleaner
- Bolia Linoleum Soap
- Bolia Marble Polish
- Bolia Stone Sealer

Maintaining Your Sofa

**Caring for Your Sofa**

Each sofa type must be treated differently if you want it to stay looking as beautiful as when it arrived in your living room. We've compiled the best recommendations for how your sofa can keep its shape, colour and comfort for many years to come.

**Wrinkles in the Fabric**

When you start using your new furniture, the fabric will seem relatively tight. As you use the furniture, the fabric and the thin foam just below the fabric will expand relatively quickly, which can cause wrinkles on the fabric. This will typically happen within the first month, depending on how much furniture is used. The material will subsequently expand to a lesser extent.

In order to avoid too many wrinkles, the fabric should be ‘ironed’ lightly with your hand, so that any excess material can be redistributed across the cushion. If your sofa is covered with wool fabric, the fabric will contract if you moisten a tea towel with demineralised water, place it on the sofa and heat the towel with i.e. an iron at a low heat or a hair dryer. Alternatively, you can moisten a tea towel and leave it on the wrinkles overnight. When the wool fabric dries, the wool fibres will contract once again. Wrinkles that occur as a direct result of use and love are perfectly normal.

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2 [www.master-cabinetmaker.com](http://www.master-cabinetmaker.com)
Caring for Your Sofa
Always start by impregnating your sofa with the right care product. We have developed a range of care products that can be purchased in all our Bolia stores and online at Bolia.com. The right care product creates a protective membrane, enhances the natural qualities of the material and sofa, and will extend the life of your sofa. A care product typically holds for half a year, so we recommend that you care for your sofa a couple of times a year, or as needed.

For example, a leather sofa may require more moisture and leather cream during the dry months, just like your hands during the winter months.

If you have not impregnated your sofa yet, you can still do so. But make sure to clean the sofa thoroughly before using any type of care product. Otherwise, you might create blotches.

Cleaning Your Sofa
No matter what you use your sofa for, it plays a central role for many things, and therefore weekly cleaning has an essential impact on the life of your sofa.

We recommend you vacuum your sofa, at low power and with the soft mouthpiece, to prevent the filling from shifting and the fibres being pulled out during vacuuming. If possible, you should move the cushions before vacuuming, so you also remove the dust that falls between and under the seat cushions on a daily basis.

A sofa will naturally change form and appearance over time. We have gathered our knowledge and recommendations on how to give your sofa the best care to ensure it lasts for many years to come.

Break Routines
The upholstery on your sofa will change with use, so it is important that you swap the cushions regularly to ensure even wear and use, as much as you can. Some of our sofas have reversible cushions, such as our Scandinavia sofa series. Take advantage of this opportunity to distribute the wear as much as possible.

You might like to change places too, so you do not always sit in the same place, swap around the cushions and generally break your routines. If you follow these tips, your sofa will last longer and the upholstery on the cushions will be more even.

Sofas with Down
A sofa with down must be beaten frequently and ideally hard. This will help ensure that the cushions don’t become flat and lose shape. If your cushions have a zip, it is a good idea to open the zip when beating them, as it will allow more air to enter, thus breathing more life and shape into the cushion.

We do not have sofas that are exclusively filled with down, but if you are in love with a sofa like Cosima, where the majority of the filling is down, you have to beat it frequently and you must not be afraid to beat it hard. It will only make it more beautiful.
Sofas with Foam

All our foam cushions undergo a special foam crushing process before they become a comfortable sofa. The foam crushing process ensures all the air bubbles in the foam are uniform, meaning the foam will keep its shape for many, many years. A foam sofa has a firmer type of comfort than a down sofa, but a foam sofa still needs to be beaten to make the cushions return to their natural shape. Try turning the cushions over too, and your sofa will survive both the future trends and seasons.

It is therefore quite natural that your sofa cushions will gradually become softer to sit on.

Fabric Care

Disinfect

_Polyester Fabrics_

- Disinfect polyester fabrics with ethanol to effectively destroy virus and bacteria.
- Clean and wash polyester fabrics with soap and water

_Wool Fabrics_

- In case of contamination, furniture upholstered with wool fabrics should preferably be left unused for a minimum of 48 hours. If this is not an option, wool fabrics can be disinfected with ethanol. Disinfecting wool fabrics with ethanol will, however, strip the wool of lanolin and may cause colour changes and reduce the lifetime of the fabric. Consequently, this method should only be applied if there are no other alternatives.

Please note, that the above recommendations are not health authority guidelines.³

Wool

With its natural lanolin and durable fibres, wool is a strong choice. Our wool originates from New Zealand and is sourced from manufacturers who prioritise animal welfare and sustainable production.

_Our Wool_

Our wool is a pure natural material that originates from New Zealand. It is OEKO-TEX certified and EU Ecolabel, as well as being 100% free of hazardous chemicals, heavy metals and other harmful substances.

metals and carcinogens. By nature, wool is stretchy, resilient and durable and all our wool fabrics have a light fastness of at least 4, but usually higher. Our wool is also 100% biological and the natural fibres are recyclable for an incredibly long durability and life for furniture upholstered in wool.

*Care and Maintenance of Wool*

Always start by impregnating your furniture. For this, we recommend our care products that have been developed, tested and approved for our own wool. If you impregnate your furniture later, it is important that you clean it thoroughly before using a care product for the first time. As a rule of thumb, a care product lasts about half a year, and we therefore recommend that you repeat the impregnation a couple of times a year or as needed.

It is natural for wool to form some minor wrinkles when used, as wool is a stretchy natural material. If wrinkles have formed on your wool fabric, the fabric will contract if you moisten a tea towel with demineralised water, place it on the sofa and heat the tea towel with i.e. an iron at low heat or a hair dryer. Alternatively, you can moisten a tea towel and leave it on the wrinkles overnight. When the wool fabric dries, the wool fibres will contract once again.

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**Leather Care**

*100% Natural Leather*

In Bolia, we only use traceable leather variants to ensure quality and transparency. Our leather comes from European cattle and is of the highest quality, and every single piece is meticulously checked for defects, pressure marks and other defects, which ensure that the furniture you take home is of the highest quality.

Please note that when you start using your new furniture, the leather will seem relatively tight. As it is a stretchy, natural material, the leather will expand with use and leave small, natural folds. This will typically happen within the first month, depending on how much you use your furniture. The leather will subsequently expand to a lesser extent.

*Care and Maintenance of Leather*

Always start by protecting your furniture with a proper care product, regardless of the leather variant your furniture is covered in.

For Quattro Traceable leather, we recommend Bolia Leather Protection Cream. Quattro leather is a surface-treated, semi-aniline leather. In the cold and dry winter months, more intensive care is a good idea to maintain the natural glow and elasticity of the leather.

We recommend using a care product 2-4 times a year. Care products will both soften and protect the leather. In addition, we recommend daily wiping with lint-free cotton cloth, which is well wrung in demineralised water.
Leather is generally affected by the room it is in, and therefore heat, cold and light are important considerations. In turn, leather will stay soft and beautiful almost forever if you treat it with plenty of love and proper care.

Grease and liquid break down leather in the same way it breaks down fabric. Avoid spilling or dropping crumbs that contain greasy liquid or food. Never use washing up liquid, liquid soap, solvents or other detergents on leather.

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**Velour**

Velour is an elegant and soft furniture fabric. It is also one of the most durable furniture fabrics – if it is manufactured correctly. Our velour is tested when manufactured to ensure it can be used for furniture in both private homes and public spaces.

**Care and Maintenance of Velour**

Always start by impregnating your furniture. For this, we recommend our care products that have been developed, tested and approved for our velour fabrics. Please note that due to the long pile, the impregnation may not completely penetrate the fabric and it may be necessary to repeat the treatment. Remember that your furniture should be completely dry before using it after impregnation.

Press marks may occur on the velour, where the pile has been squashed flat either during transportation or in use. This is quite normal for velour and should not be considered as a defect. To help restore the original surface, you can take a clean, neutral-coloured piece of fabric that is warm and moist and lay it on top of the velour for an hour. The moisture helps to lift the pile again. You can also use a soft brush with distilled water but be careful not to use too much water. It only needs to be damp. Do not rub the velour. Light stroking is often enough to restore the original surface again.

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**Polyester**

Polyester is both durable and versatile, as it can imitate the softness of velour or the abrasion resistance associated with wool. Our polyester fabrics include Bergo, which is made from 98% recycled plastic bottles.

**Our Polyester**

All our polyester fabrics are OEKO-TEX certified and several feature the EU Ecolabel which testifies to high quality. Polyester, which is used to manufacture our various fabrics, is usually recycled for use in insulation or as a filling in your sofa, and this gives our polyester an extra sustainable dimension. Furthermore, our numerous polyester fabrics are completely free of dangerous chemicals, heavy metals and carcinogens, and are characterised by being extremely resistant, versatile and durable materials.
**Care and Maintenance of Polyester**

Always start by impregnating your furniture. For this, we recommend our care products that have been developed, tested and approved for our polyester. If you impregnate your furniture later, it is important that you clean it thoroughly before using a care product for the first time. As a rule of thumb, a care product lasts about half a year, and we therefore recommend that you repeat the impregnation a couple of times a year or as needed.

If stains occur, you can use stain cleaner from Bolia’s own care product range, and if the fabric on your furniture is removable, we recommend that you place a clean tea towel between the fabric and the cushion’s filling to prevent the stain from penetrating the cushion fibres and causing long-term damage.

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**Cotton**

Cotton is a natural material and 100% biodegradable. Our upholstery fabrics in cotton are therefore a sustainable choice with a natural expression.

*Our Cotton*

Our cotton is a 100% natural material and is both biodegradable and recyclable, which testifies to a natural, soft and sustainable quality. All our cotton fabrics are naturally OEKO-TEX certified as well as EU Ecolabel, ensuring high quality, authentic production and pure, natural materials. E.g. in Axus, where 32% of the blend comes from recycled cotton.

*Care and Maintenance of Cotton*

Always start by impregnating your furniture. For this, we recommend our care products that have been developed, tested and approved for our cotton. If you impregnate your furniture later, it is important that you clean it thoroughly before using a care product for the first time. As a rule of thumb, a care product lasts about half a year, and we therefore recommend that you repeat the impregnation a couple of times a year or as needed.

Cotton is made from natural fibres that are more sensitive to light and heat. Therefore, it’s a good idea not to place the furniture in direct sunlight as it may cause fading over time. Lighter colours fade less than dark colours, so you should consider your colour selection and placement carefully. Look for the level of light fastness that indicates to which degree the fabric can withstand light. The higher the number, the better the fabric can withstand light and heat.