

WHAT IS A FLOOR COVERING CERTIFICATION STANDARD?

Floor coverings that are *certified* **asthma & allergy friendly™** are tested to the ASP-FC-01: 07 Floor Covering Certification Standard.

The certification process utilizes an algorithm of proprietary and recognized scientific techniques to assess floor coverings for likely exposure to allergenic and irritant materials, both at the time of purchase and thereafter when in use. Product samples that pass certification testing are granted a certificate stating that the particular floor covering meets the requirements for the **asthma & allergy friendly™** ASP-FC-01: 07 Certification Standard.

Allergy Standards Ltd (ASL) subjects the floor covering to both physical and chemical testing to ensure that the floor covering does not have properties that are likely to irritate both asthma and allergy symptoms in susceptible people:

- (a) The floor covering should have a low capacity for allergen retention
- (b) The manufacturer's recommended cleaning procedures must be effective at removing accumulated allergen from the floor covering
- (c) The recommended cleaning procedures of the floor covering must not contribute to a significant increase in airborne allergen levels that may result in redistribution of rather than overall reduction of allergen
- (d) Exposure to airborne solvents and other irritant or toxic materials during floor covering installation and thereafter when in use must not exceed Certification Thresholds

If you require further information on this aspect of testing please contact:

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All certified **asthma & allergy friendly™** floor coverings carry a unique three digit certification code starting with: afc-FC-***

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Please note the certification algorithms developed by Allergy Standards Ltd are subject to patent protection.



The **asthma & allergy friendly™** Floor Covering Certification Standard ASP-FC-01: 07 has been approved and adopted by The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

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