

6. Protection

The site conditions (as stipulated in Chapter 4) should be maintained after the completion of timber flooring. Immediately after the installation, impact vibration and hammering on adjacent walls are prohibited to allow proper curing of the materials.

Upon completion of the timber flooring, the flooring should be allowed to cure for 7 days before covering the finished surface. No traffic on the timber flooring is permitted for 1 day after installation. After the curing period, protect the flooring by mopping away all dust and dirt and covering the floor finishes with clean

canvas, cardboard, corrugated paper or plywood (see Figure 6-1).

Proper co-ordination among various construction trades is critical in preventing damages to the timber flooring. Exact time-windows for the various trade contractors to carry out their works in the rooms completed with timber flooring should be scheduled so that access to the site is restricted and work conflicts are prevented. By doing so, the party that is responsible for any damage of the timber flooring at any location could also be identified.



Protection of timber flooring with cardboards



Protection of timber flooring with corrugated papers



Completed work protected by restricting access

Figure 6.1 Protection of Completed Timber Flooring