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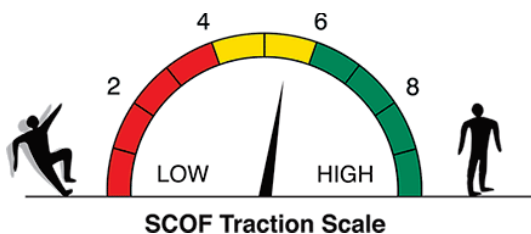
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- Multilayer floorcovering association
 - (MFA) has joined forces with RFCI
 - Now working under the RFCI umbrella
- **Recycling:**
 - RFCI has proposed setting up a U.S./European resilient flooring recycling summit as a way to share successes, challenges and ideas
 - They have project ongoing, but have asked for further information on collection and recycling options.

Styrene

- Styrene, used in rubber flooring, was listed as a cancer-causing chemical under California Prop 65
- RFCI was lobbying for issuing of a Safe Use Determination (SUD) for Styrene used in rubber flooring
- Had to withdraw for legal reasons, currently considering next steps
- Made aware of a styrene fact sheet that is being circulated which lists flooring in a long list of other products containing styrene

National Floor Safety Institute Petition



- National Floor Safety Institute (NFSI) petition to require the slip resistance labeling of hard surface
- Extensive lobbying by RFCI to Consumer Products Safety Commission(CSPS) to deny this petition
- Decision of CSPS expected shortly

DUKE University study on emissions of Benzyl Butyl Phthalate (BBP) in flooring

- Study alleging a connection between BBP in vinyl flooring and potential health effects in children.
- Reports appeared in Science Daily, Science New, the Times and the Daily Mail
- Facts:
 - Paper not peer reviewed or published yet
 - BPP not definitively linked to flooring
- RFCI:
 - Fact sheet for sales reps and anyone getting enquiries
 - Establishing when BPP was last used by members;
 - Analysing concentration of BPP in flooring

ERFMI response

- Responded to sensationalist journalism in letter to Times
- Further response needed?(E.g.: establishing use of BBP in Europe, preparing statement etc)

Warning over vinyl flooring

Vinyl floors expose children to high levels of chemicals that have been linked to respiratory problems, reproductive disorders and cancer, a study has indicated (Rhys Blakely writes).

Researchers found that children who lived in homes where most of the flooring was vinyl had levels of benzyl butyl phthalate in their urine that were 15

times higher than children with no vinyl at home. The chemical has been linked to respiratory and reproductive disorders and a cancer of white blood cells known as multiple myeloma.

The findings were presented yesterday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington.