



Care and Maintenance for your Guest Chest Murphy Bed

As with all-natural wood furniture, periodic care is recommended to protect any type of quality solid wood furniture.

Most solid wood furniture, regardless of wood type, age, etc., is subject to some degree of shrinkage and/or wood movement. These changes occur naturally and are a result of variations in climate in your home, exposure to direct sunlight and/or exposure to excessive moisture.

You can dramatically reduce these occurrences by following these simple procedures.

Dry Air:

Although natural wood experiences adverse conditions throughout its natural growth, it is in no way prepared for the harsh and destructive nature of central heat and air. Regardless of whether you are heating or cooling your home, dry air is the number one enemy of natural wood furniture. It is important to maintain a relatively constant temperature within your home, year-around, with good humidity. This is especially important during the winter months when constant heating reduces the humidity level in the air to near arid conditions. Proper use of a humidifier is the best protection against dry air. Avoid placing your furniture near or directly over heating ducts. This has the effect of “cooking” your furniture. Over time this may cause severe shrinkage or cracking.

Use heating vent diverters to direct dry air away from your furniture. These diverters are available at most local hardware stores.

Direct Sunlight:

Consistent exposure to direct sunlight will damage any type of wood furniture. The ultraviolet rays will dry out, fade, or discolor the wood and/or finish of your furniture.

Avoid direct sunlight when possible and if not, tint your windows or close your blinds when sun is directly focused on the furniture.

Water Damage:

Direct exposure to moisture such as spills or water rings are inevitable and, in most cases, can be easily touched up. For any wet surfaces, use a clean, dry, soft, cotton cloth and wipe with the grain of the wood until dry.

Cleaning your Guest Chest Murphy Bed:

On the chest itself, ONLY use a clean damp cloth to remove dust or dirt as needed.

Chemical Cleaners and Polishes:

DO NOT USE HARSH CHEMICAL CLEANERS OF ANY TYPE INCLUDING WINDEX, MURPHY OIL OR ANY OTHER POLISHES ON YOUR GUEST CHEST MURPHY BEDS. This may damage the existing stained or painted finish.

Mattress Care:

To clean the removable cotton mattress cover, machine wash on “Delicate” in cold water ONLY and hang dry ONLY to avoid shrinkage.

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