

SOCIAL CARE - COLOUR SCHEME DF2

*Creating supportive spaces*



1. Within an aged care environment, critical surfaces (walls, floors, doors and handrails) should be defined and have contrast between them. The recommendation is a minimum of 30 points of Light Reflectance Value (LRV).



2. All surfaces should be as non-reflective as possible, as gloss produces glare and light bounce, which will hinder those with dementia or visual impairments. For painted surfaces Matt and Eggshell finishes are ideal low sheen products to use on walls, whilst Satinwood finishes are recommended for interior doors and trim.



3. Use feature colours to help highlight obstacles and potential hazards, i.e. pillars and radiators, and to also aid with way finding. Doors to communal spaces can be painted in a contrasting colour to highlight and promote their use. Doors to staff facilities can be painted the same colour as the adjacent walls, causing the doors to blend in and diminishing unauthorised access.

