

603 WATERPROOF FLOORS IN TOILETS

- 603.1 The owner of a building used for residential purposes shall provide each water closet compartment, privy, toilet room, and bathroom in the building with a waterproof floor surface and wall base.
- 603.2 The wall base shall be at least three inches (3") in height.
- 603.3 The waterproof floor surface shall consist of one of the following:
- (a) Smooth-finished tile or masonry which is effectively sealed so that it has a nonporous surface, laid in a manner free from cracks or open joints, and tightly joined to the base;
 - (b) Tongue-and-groove hardwood flooring that is tightly laid without open cracks or joints, and which is tightly joined to the base. Both the base and surface shall be covered with a seal coat of waterproof finish; or
 - (c) Linoleum, plastic, or rubber floor covering, or linoleum, asphalt, rubber or plastic floor tiles, firmly cemented to a smooth substantial subfloor, laid without overlapping or open joints, and tightly joined to the base.
- 603.4 The term "linoleum" as used in this section, means a floor covering made of special preparations of linseed oil, gum, coloring matter, and wood flour, firmly affixed to a cloth or felpaper base, and does not include enameled and cottonlinter composition coverings.

SOURCE: The Housing Regulations of the District of Columbia, 5G DCRR § 1202, Commissioners' Order 55-1503 (August 11, 1955).