

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY**

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<b>MANDATORY USE OF CHAIR MATS ON CARPETING</b>	<b>H-12</b>	<b>1 of 1</b>

**RESCINDED: Board Policy H-12 is no longer operative  
Per minute order 3.4 of 12/18/07**

**Policy:**

1. Due to excessive wear on carpeting when chair mats are not used, as well as to assure the safety of the chair occupant, it is mandatory that suitable chair mats will be used in carpeted areas under all chairs with single caster. Mats are not required under chairs with double casters. (County furniture standards assure that all new castered chairs will have double caster.)
2. Since there have been instances of persons being injured when their chairs have fallen off the edge of 1/4" thick chair mats, only chair mats made of thinner material will be used, such as 1/8" or less in thickness.
3. Because they reflect sound, chair mats partially defeat the sound attenuation characteristics of systems furniture. For this reason, double caster chairs without mats will be used with systems furniture. If older chairs with single casters must be used with systems furniture due to funds constraints, they will be replaced as soon as possible.

**Reference:**

Minute Order 6.15 of 10/27/1981  
Minute Order 3.25 of 07/14/1987