Disinfection/cleaning of dojo and equipment

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How to properly clean the tatamis

**MAINTENANCE**

- **Daily maintenance:**
  - We recommend vacuuming or mopping every day over the entire surface of the tatamis to prevent dust from accumulating.
  - This task is usually done at the end of the day after the last lesson.

- **Weekly maintenance:**
  - We recommend washing the tatamis at least twice a week to disinfect the surface. The frequency of washing may vary depending on the use.
  - To do this, we recommend using a mop.

- **Annual maintenance:**
  - We recommend removing all tatamis twice a year so that you can remove the build-up of dust and clean/disinfect the floor.
  - It is also an opportunity to disinfect the surfaces of the tatamis which are generally not cleaned (bottom, sides).

**CHOOSE A PRODUCT THAT CLEANS AND DISINFECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THE TATAMIS**

- In order to preserve the vinyl of the tatamis, it is imperative to use a mild soap with a neutral pH that does not leave any residue on the surfaces.
  - If the soap does not disinfect, use disinfectant products (wipes, aerosol cans, spray bottles, cans, etc.) that do not damage the vinyl.

**CAUTION**

- Tatamis are not completely waterproof. Therefore, do not wet them too much and avoid the accumulation of water on the tatamis.
- The excess water/humidity contributes to fast deterioration of the tatamis (the inner foam swells taking off the vinyl, which lead to development of fungus).
- Using a mop that is too wet can lead to water infiltration between the tatamis. This can lead to stagnant water and floor damage.
- It is preferable to handle tatamis in pairs so as not to injure yourself (a tatami weighs around 18.5 kg) and to avoid damaging them (crease, vinyl peeling off, etc.).

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