

Proper care and maintenance of textiles



- **Proper care and maintenance of your family heirlooms and works of art will ensure that they are available for future generations to enjoy**



Textiles

- **Deterioration of textiles is often due to a combination of physical, biological and/or chemical factors working together**



Textiles

- **Inappropriate lighting, improper temperature and relative humidity levels; excessive dust, dirt and other pollutants; insects; mold and mildew; and incorrect handling all contribute to damage**



Textiles

- **Textiles are best preserved when displayed and stored in clean, well-ventilated areas that are routinely and adequately maintained**



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- **Inspect your textiles often, ideally at six-month intervals, to identify problems early on**



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- **Controlled vacuuming can be an effective means of reducing dust and other particles, but not all textiles can be safely vacuumed**



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- For large or sturdy textiles, vacuuming with an up-and-down motion (lifting, not dragging the vacuum nozzle) over a sheet of flexible plastic screening may be recommended



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- Textiles are frequently more fragile than they first appear



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- **Clean hands are important when handling textiles, or wear inexpensive white cotton gloves**



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- **Remove jewelry or anything that may snag, and be careful not to rub or drag your hands against the textile**



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- **Most wood, packing cardboards, and some plastics are chemically unstable and should not be used to store textiles**





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