

## Powdery residue on limestone despite many washings

**Q.** Our installer grinded off the top layer of our limestone floor and since then we have repeated powdery residue on limestone despite numerous washings and sealings/impregnatings. Why is this and can this be fixed as I don't want to have white powder on my socks every time I walk across it. Thanks!

**A.** It sounds like you may have what is called efflorescence. This is caused by excessive moisture which dissolves the salts in the setting bed. Over time it will disappear -- once the installation is completely dry. I would make sure that you don't have a moisture problem, otherwise it will continue to occur. I would suggest you limit the amount of water you use for cleaning and to place some fans on the floor to dry it out.

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