

4 WAYS

to Create Visual Interest with Wall Protection

Wall protection is often considered a necessity for busy environments like hospitals, schools and transportation hubs. It will preserve the look of a building and reduce on continuous maintenance and repair costs. Explore the many options you have to make your wall protection the feature wall, rather than an eyesore.

1 Contrast

With the use of so many different materials and finishes in building environments, make the wall protection stand out. Don't try and blend it into the wall, but rather use color to make feature elements more striking. Contrasting colors can help the visually impaired – try bright colors like yellows, blues and greens.

Community Hospital North contrasts metal and wood finishes on the hallway handrails to create a classic look (left). UCSF Children's Hospital boasts contrasting colors with dark corner guards against light colored walls, creating a unique, fun design (below).



2 Continuity

Create color continuity by color coding the wall protection in different areas of your building. Doing this will not only make the environment look more inviting, but it will also help with wayfinding, too.

MedStar Franklin Square Hospital used blue crash rails around this nurse's station, creating a design that will be easily recognizable for visitors and staff (right).



3 Simulate

If concrete, brick or natural woods won't work with the budget or requirements of the facility, wall protection products like Chameleon™ or Saratoga®, can simulate woods and metals while still remaining durable. This allows for a classic, upscale design without the concern of scratches or chips. Acrovyn by Design® graphic wall protection allows for simulated textures or materials to be used on the wall. Some images can produce a 3D effect on a 2D surface, creating visual intrigue but maintaining walls that are easy to clean.

This registration area is designed as a tranquil space, utilizing graphic wall protection to create a simulated, full-wall zen garden (right). Terrace View at Erie County Medical Center created a sophisticated look in the dining area using handrails and Saratoga Wall System. The simulated wood finish is able to withstand potential damage from carts, chairs and other objects (below).



4 Customize

For years, protective wall covering meant single color sheets. But impact protection doesn't have to be boring. There are many different options, combinations or customizations you can achieve to make your building unique. Products on the market, like Acrovyn by Design, can incorporate images and custom designs or patterns to create fully protected feature walls full of vibrant imagery and artwork. This is ideal for emphasizing branding for a school or business while keeping the walls free from damage.

Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School used graphic wall protection to design a full wall mural that designates a section of the school and pays homage to a great innovator (above). A corporate office gets a subtle hint of soft texture with an Acrovyn by Design Linen pattern in the Hearststone colorway.

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