Common-Area Protection Checklist

What to have in place before condo demolition day

Before Demo Day

1. **Walk and photograph the full debris route**
   Unit door to elevator to loading area; share the record with the property manager.
2. **Get the renovation rule sheet in writing**
   Working hours, elevator bookings, deposit terms, and the building's protection specs.
3. **Book the service elevator windows**
   Confirm the schedule and the cab's rated capacity with building management.
4. **Ask about materials assessment in older buildings**
   Designated-substance checks happen before demolition, through a qualified consultant.

The Protection Package

1. **Elevator cab: pads, floor sheet, jamb guards**
   Every wall padded and clearance checked before long material rides up.
2. **Corridors: rigid floor boards, taped seams**
   Hardboard over carpet and tile, low-tack tape on finished surfaces.
3. **Corners and frames: guards on every turn**
   Anywhere a cart changes direction gets a corner guard.
4. **Unit door: sealed dust barrier and walk-off mat**
   Airflow pulls into the work zone, never out into the corridor.

Every Day

1. **Sweep and vacuum the route at day's end**
   The corridor should look like nobody worked there.
2. **Re-tape lifted seams and replace clipped guards**
   Protection only works when it is maintained.
3. **Self-report any damage the same day**
   With a photo, to the property manager, before they find it.

Review this checklist with your contractor and property manager before the first cart rolls.

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