Advanced Grammar

IDIOM: Sweep under the rug/carpet

To **sweep under the rug/carpet** means to hide something or to avoid dealing with something (usually negative or troubling).

Examples:

The scandal was **swept under the rug** to protect some important people.

If we’re going to try to fix our marriage, you can’t keep **sweeping things under the carpet**.

You can’t just keep **sweeping everything under the rug**. Someday you’ll have to face up to your problems.

This issue involves too many people; we can’t just **sweep it under the carpet**.