

# Damp, mould and condensation guide.

Preventing mould from happening in your home.



Condensation is really common in homes and workplaces. The moisture in the air can lead to condensation and sometimes even mould. There are other causes of damp like leaking pipes, damaged or missing roof tiles, water overflowing from external gutters or a faulty damp course. Whatever the cause we've put this guide together so you know what to do if you spot damp and mould in your home.

## Condensation

Condensation happens mainly during cold weather, but it can happen in both wet and dry conditions. It appears as water droplets in places where there isn't much airflow when warm air meets cold air or a cold surface.

**Do you notice that your walls, surfaces or windows are damp or wet?  
Can you see black mould growing on them?**

Then it's likely you have a condensation problem.

## Avoiding condensation

There's no quick fix for condensation and often daily activities like cooking, washing and drying clothes can cause moisture leading to it.

But you can prevent it by balancing heating, ventilation and moisture in your home.



## Preventing moisture in your home:

- Use pans with lids
- Avoid drying washing on radiators
- Dry washing on a line or clothes maid outside
- If you don't have an outside space, dry your clothes in your bathroom with the door closed. Open any windows and put on extractor fans for increased ventilation.
- Place tumble dryer vents outside of your home

### Increase ventilation:

- Keep windows open when using a room.
- Ventilate kitchens and bathrooms by opening windows or putting on extractor fans.
- Close kitchen and bathroom doors.
- Don't block ventilation systems.
- Position wardrobes on internal walls.
- Don't tamper with ventilation systems.
- Don't draft-proof windows in the kitchen or bathroom or rooms with condensation or mould.

### Reduce heat:

- Keep your home between 19-22 degrees.
- When away from your home don't let the temperature drop below 15 degrees.
- Avoid heating rooms by opening doors to let the heat in. When the cold air meets the warm air this is likely to cause condensation.

## What to do if you spot mould

If you spot mould in your home it's important that you try to reduce any condensation before you contact us.

If you've taken all the necessary measures to reduce condensation and you're still having difficulties, get in touch and we'll arrange for a Quality Building Officer to visit and provide a solution.

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