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Housing Trust

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A Guide To Keeping Out Damp and Mould



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Keep out damp and mould

Put a ban on moisture:

- Cover pans on the cooker and don't leave kettles boiling
- Never use paraffin or portable bottle gas heaters – you would be breaking your tenancy agreement if you used things like this. They produce huge amounts of water vapour, and can be very dangerous to use
- Dry washing outside, or in a closed bathroom with an open window or fan – not on radiators
- If you have a tumble dryer, put the outlet pipe through an outside wall – not out of a window. Condenser type tumble dryers are best, as they keep moisture levels down

Let your home breathe:

- Let warm air circulate, pull furniture away from walls and radiators and don't cover radiators with curtains

- Let the air circulate and open windows on a regular basis to air the property. Your new double glazed windows can be slightly opened and locked in place using the window lock mechanism
- Let out steam by opening kitchen and bathroom windows or using extractor fans
- Close kitchen and bathroom doors when you're in there
- Don't overcrowd your wardrobes or cupboards
- Don't block air bricks, ventilators or chimneys
- Don't completely draught – proof bathrooms, or rooms with a cooker or gas fire – you need to have some ventilation
- Ensure you keep your window vents open, this will help reduce condensation

Keep it warm:

- It is important to use your heating to help combat condensation. Further advice on how best to use your heating can be obtained from our telephone contact centre Connect, by ringing 0161 448 4200