

## Why is there condensation in my home?

Condensation occurs when warm, moist air touches a cooler surface such as tiles, windows or walls. This causes the moisture in the air to condense, leaving water behind.



While your home may not have experienced condensation problems in the past, refurbishments may result in an increase in condensation. This is because older properties have a high level of natural ventilation that allows warm, moist air to escape through windows, doors and open fireplaces. Improvements to your home such as insulation, double-glazing on windows, draught proofing will help to seal in warmth but will result in an increase in condensation.

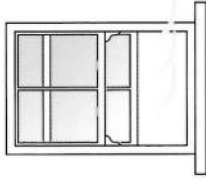
## Tips for reducing condensation in your home

There are simple lifestyle changes we can all make to reduce condensation.

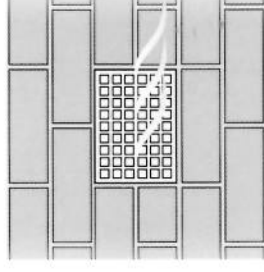
Wipe down surfaces where moisture settles, such as window sills, to prevent mould growth.



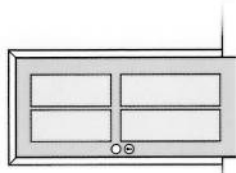
Keep good airflow by opening windows and trickle vents whenever possible.



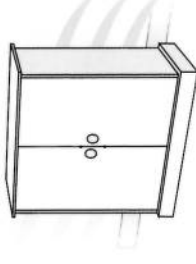
Ensure that any air bricks or ventilation holes in your property are not covered.



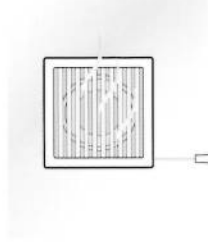
Close kitchen and bathroom doors to stop steam going into cooler rooms.



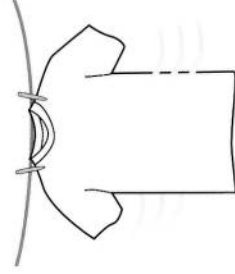
Try to ensure that there is a small gap between furnishings and the wall to allow air flow. If you have a condensation problem, mould can form behind furniture or other goods pushed against the wall.



Always open a window or use an extractor fan in your bathroom after bathing.



Dry clothes outside if possible; if not, dry them in a cooler room with a window open. Try not to use radiators to dry clothes.



### most of all...

You should let air circulate through your home. Remember, condensation is less likely to occur in well-ventilated and warm flats.

By doing these simple things condensation in your home can be managed so that it does not become a problem.