

# Spot the signs

## How to prevent burst pipes

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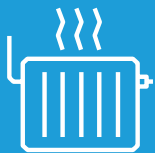
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During the winter months, water coming into the property from outside is much colder than it is during the rest of the year which can cause contraction in the pipes. This occasionally leads to leaks where the pipe has weakened.

Prevention is key to minimising the likelihood of pipes bursting and as a tenant there are a number of steps you can take to prepare for the cold weather and lower the risk of a burst pipe occurring in your rented accommodation.

### Top tips to prevent pipes from bursting

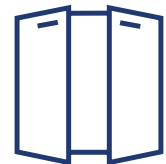
#### TOP TIP



Keep heating on at a minimum temperature of 13°C if you are going away



Leave cupboard doors under the kitchen sink and bathroom cabinets open to allow warm air to circulate



If you are going away, remember to turn off the water mains or ask someone to visit the property to check



#### In case of a burst pipe, contact your landlord immediately and follow these steps:

- Turn off the water mains at the stopcock
- Turn on all of the cold taps to drain the system if the flow of water cannot be stopped
- If there is a risk of water reaching electrical equipment, turn off the electricity at the fuse box
- Move any furniture and belongings away from the affected area
- Clear away the excess water as soon as possible

Location of stopcock:

Details of an emergency plumber:

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