

# Spot the signs

## How to prevent damp, mould and condensation

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Condensation is a common issue in many homes. It occurs when warm moist air, produced by everyday tasks such as cooking, showering, washing or drying clothes, reaches a cold surface. As the occupant of the property, you are best placed to ensure that the property is well ventilated.

Follow our tips to help reduce condensation:



Leave your heating on a constant low heat above 12°C during the colder months to help prevent sudden drops and rises in temperature



Remember to close the bathroom door during and after a shower to stop moisture and steam spreading through to other rooms



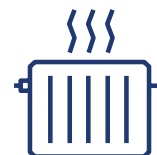
### TOP TIP



Air the property as much as possible by opening windows that mist up, to help avoid condensation build up



Avoid drying wet clothes on radiators or other heaters



Always cover saucepans while cooking to limit the steam spreading through the kitchen



Excessive production of moisture can contribute towards the development of damp in the property. Signs of damp can vary, but there are some key symptoms to look out for;

- A 'damp' musty smell
- Dark or discoloured areas that appear on walls
- Peeling wallpaper or paintwork

**If you spot any of these signs in your property, we suggest that you notify your landlord immediately.**

Landlord's contact details:

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