



Wipe it, open it, move it! Tackling condensation

Did you know that the average household produces 12 litres or 21 pints of moisture, every day?

Everyone, in every home produces moisture. Cooking, washing, even just breathing creates water which is released into the air.

When this moisture cools and settles it causes small water droplets called condensation. If left, this condensation can lead to mould.

Condensation is a part of life as we all need to live and breathe at home. However, there are ways to tackle it before it causes bigger problems like damp and mould.

Washing clothes	1
Having a bath or shower	2
Two people active for one day	3
Cooking and boiling a kettle	6
Drying clothes	9
Total amount of moisture produced in just one day	12 litres / 21 pints

What can be done?

Don't let condensation settle: **wipe it, open it, move it.**



Wipe it: wipe away any water or moisture you see on surfaces such as windows, walls or furniture.



Open it: open a window when cooking or when taking a hot bath or shower to let the warm, moist air out. Keep air vents open on your windows and always use an extractor fan.



Move it: move furniture and curtains away from walls and make sure air can circulate in your home so the moist air can escape.

How do I know if I have damp in my home?



Condensation is...	Rising damp is...	Water penetration is...
the moisture that is created when warm damp air meets a cold surface (like a cold glass on a warm day) or when cold air meets a warm damp surface (like you might find on or around your windows on a cold day). Condensation is the most common cause of household damp problems.	is moisture found in walls and buildings, rising up from the ground. If you have damp you will be able to see staining, blistering and peeling on paint work. Salt will also build up on the surface of your wall leaving a tide mark up to a metre high. Rising damp can be caused by a number of things, including failure of an existing damp proof course or changes to ground conditions.	is moisture caused by a leaking pipe, roof or wall and can look a lot like rising damp or condensation.

What do I do if I think I have damp in my home?

It is important that if you've noticed rising damp, water penetration or suspect you have a leak that you report it to us. Our surveyors can look into possible causes and recommend the best way to fix the issue.

Get in touch by calling **0345 8 507 507**. Our friendly advisor will then arrange for someone to visit your home. Please try to give as much information as possible.

You can find out more about what rising damp and water penetration is on our factsheet here.

We are committed to giving everyone equal access to information.

If you would like us to communicate with you in a different way, or receive written information from us in another format, please phone 0345 8 507 507 or email onecall@wdh.co.uk