

## How to Minimise Condensation in Your New Home

During the building construction a considerable amount of water is used e.g. building walls, laying concrete etc. The moisture contained in the fabric of the building will dry out gradually within approximately the first 12 months of occupation.



### **Minimising Condensation**

Condensation is formed when steam or water vapour present in a room condenses on a cold surface and then turns into water. If there is excessive condensation, this can form mould on the surfaces where the condensation forms.

The following steps should help you reduce condensation in your home:

### **Produce Less Moisture**

- Cover pans and do not leave kettle boiling
- Do not use paraffin or portable gas heaters which produce excessive moisture
- Dry washing outdoors or put in the bathroom with the door closed and the window open or extractor fan on
- If you have a tumble drier make sure that it is vented to the outside

### **Ventilate to remove moisture**

- Your home has mechanical fans within the bathrooms and kitchens, also, all windows have 'trickle' vents for ventilation. Ensure that the 'trickle' vents are open and that the extractor fans are used as per the manufacturers guidelines
- Leave internal doors ajar to allow the free-flow of air throughout the property including cupboard doors (not kitchen cupboards)

### **Heat your home a little more**

- In cold weather the best way to keep rooms warm enough to avoid condensation is to keep low background heating on all day
- Thermostats fitted to the heating controls will help maintain low background heat and control costs

**If you are still experiencing problems with condensation, please contact your landlord for further help and guidance**