

Draught-proofing



How does it work?

Draught-proofing your home is a quick, simple, and cost-effective way to keep the heat inside your home and the cold air out. Draught-proofing will ultimately save you money on your energy bills by reducing your energy usage and making you more comfortable in your home.

Benefits of draught-proofing

- Quick and easy DIY solution.
- Keeps the warm air in and the cold air out.
- Energy efficient and better for the environment.
- Cost-effective as you use less energy.

Windows and doors

Draught-proofing can stop a lot of heat from escaping through gaps around window and door frames. You can block gaps using draft-proofing strips (available in all good hardware shops).

A metal cover made especially for your door keyhole can keep the cold air out, as well as a letterbox flap or brush. Gaps at the bottom of doors can be blocked using a fabric draught excluder or brush.

If you believe that your windows or doors have been incorrectly fitted and this is causing draughts, please report a repair by contacting us on 0300 323 0011 or via MyMoat.



Chimneys

If you have a fireplace or chimney but don't use it, this is a common reason you may be losing heat in your home. Chimney draught excluders are fitted inside chimneys and can be purchased in all good hardware shops.

Loft hatches

Hot air rises and gets lost in the cold space of your loft. Blocking off gaps around your loft hatch is a great way to keep the warm air inside your home. Using draught-proofing strips as you would on your doors and windows can help with this.

The importance of ventilating your home

Controlled ventilation keeps your home healthy by helping to reduce condensation, damp, and mould. Air needs to flow in and out of your home to ensure it stays dry and in good condition. Intentional ventilation such as extractor fans, underfloor grilles/air bricks, wall vents and trickle vents on windows should remain unblocked.



For more information on draught-proofing, you can visit:
[Energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/draught-proofing](https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/draught-proofing)

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