

Ventilation Flyer

In simple terms, natural ventilation is a method of allowing fresh outdoor air into living spaces. Rooms left without natural ventilation can result in condensation build up on windows and window ledges or mould build up and walls, ceiling, clothes and bedding.

What is condensation?

There is always some moisture in the air, even if you cannot see it. If the air gets colder it cannot hold all the moisture and tiny drops of water appear – this is condensation. Condensation occurs mainly during cold weather, whether it is raining or dry. It appears in places where there is little movement of air. Look for it on walls, in corners, on or near windows, in or behind wardrobes and cupboards.

This condensation needs to be wiped down immediately to avoid mould build up.

Here are some simple tips you can use to ventilate your house daily;

- Open your bedroom, kitchen and living room windows daily for at least 30mins. For security reasons do not leave windows open while house is vacant.
- For further ventilation, windows can be secured on the second latch when your house is vacant. Call to office for demo.
- Velux windows can be left on the latch whilst also having them fully secure, please pull down the handle at the top of the window in the downright position. This should remain open at all times for adequate ventilation especially in the ensuite bathrooms.
- If condensation builds up on your window/windowsill, it should be dried up immediately to avoid causing mould on curtains, carpet, walls & ceiling as well as on personal belongings.
- Ensure heating is on correct settings for cost efficiencies and comfort. Storage heaters in the hallway and lounge are economical and provide a thorough heat for all areas. These switches should never be turned off at the wall once you have set them. See page above.
- Clothes or shoes should never be left on heater to dry, this is a fire hazard. Clothes drying on an airer in your unit will cause build up of moisture in the air, please ensure windows are open to all allow change of air reducing condensation and mould developing.
- **How to remove mould?**
When you notice mould you should deal with it immediately. Wipe down all walls and windows/frames with a fungicidal wash e.g. Detol Mould and Mildew remover spray

LEAVING YOUR WINDOW ON THE SECOND LATCH

It allows you to air the room while ensuring the window cannot be opened from the outside.



At the bottom of the image above you can see the double latch on the frame of the window. When you have your window fully closed the lock sits in the first latch, on the left in this photo. When you lock the window on the second latch it leaves a gap of over a centimetre as per the following image:



This allows the flow of air in and out, but also means that the window is locked from the outside.