

REF: 301 CHECK LIST FOR IDENTIFYING DAMPNESS

If the house has been recently built or modernised, it takes 9 - 18 months for the water remaining from building work to dry out. Meanwhile, more heat should be used. The questions below will provide clues to determine whether your house has rising, penetrating or condensation dampness.

1. **When is the dampness at its worst?**
 - a. After a spell of rain
 - b. When the weather is cold
 - c. Both the above
2. **What sort of shape is the damp patch?**
 - a. Not a definite shape
 - b. A patch with a definite edge
 - c. Wall and/or floor damp, with a horizontal "tidemark" not more than 8 feet above ground level.
3. **Where is the dampness?**
 - a. Just on the windows
 - b. Elsewhere
4. **What part of the house is the dampness in?**
 - a. The coldest room(s)
 - b. Other room(s)
5. **Are there any obvious leaks? (E.g. under the sink, at pipes or overflows)**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
6. **Are there any slates missing from the roof, or cracked gutters or rain water pipes? Important - check this, as the damp patch will frequently be nowhere near the obvious source of water penetration).**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
7. **Do you have mould?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Answers:

1.
 - a. Penetrating Damp or Rising Damp
 - b. Condensation Damp
 - c. Condensation Damp, Penetrating Damp or Rising Damp
2.
 - a. Condensation Damp
 - b. Penetrating Damp
 - c. Rising Damp
3.
 - a. Condensation Damp
 - b. Condensation Damp, Penetrating Damp or Rising Damp
4.
 - a. Condensation Damp most likely - but possibly Penetrating Damp or Rising Damp
 - b. Penetrating Damp or Rising Damp
5.
 - a. Penetrating Damp
 - b. Condensation Damp or Rising Damp
6.
 - a. Penetrating Damp
 - b. Condensation Damp or Rising Damp
7.
 - a. Condensation Damp or Penetrating Damp
 - b. Rising Damp

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- + To provide free impartial and accessible energy efficiency advice and information services to help save energy, save cash and help save the environment.
- + To encourage investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy measures and grant take up for property improvements to achieve affordable warmth.
- + To create sustainable employment and training opportunities.

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- + Renewable energy in the home, business and the community
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- + Grants for central heating
- + Grants for renewable energy installations
- + Paying for fuel and fuel suppliers
- + Choice and operation of heating and hot water systems

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