



# **Ventilation – Frequently Asked Questions**

# Why do I need ventilation?

To combat the possibility of damp, the installer will carry out a ventilation survey on your property, this is to ensure the property has adequate ventilation throughout the property in line with current building regulations. If your property requires additional ventilation this will be installed prior to any other work(s) being carried out.

## What is included in my installation?

Supply and install a fully controllable ventilation system to your home. Depending on your construction and the type of work that is being carried out. An example of this could be a continuous extractor fan for each wet room, positive input ventilators (PIV's) in your loft space, trickle vents to your windows or door undercuts.

# What are continuous extractors, positive input ventilators, trickle vents and door undercuts?

- A continuous extractor is positioned in a wet room and quietly extracts moisture all the time. This type of ventilation is different than the extractor that starts to operate at the same time as the lightbulb coming on.
- Positive input ventilators are placed in your loft space and typically draws in fresh outdoor air and introduces it into the loft, creating positive air pressure within. This positive pressure can prevent warm, moist indoor air from rising into the loft, which can lead to issues like condensation, mould, and poor air quality.
- Trickle vents on window frames and door undercuts aid in the control of humidity and prevention of condensation creating a healthier and more comfortable indoor environment.

#### What do you class as a 'wet room'?

Any room that contains a water source, such as a kitchen, bathrooms, toilets and a utility room if it contains a washing machine.

## Does this work need to be undertaken for me to get the insulation I would like?

Yes, ventilation requirements are part of building regulations and photographic evidence is required. This helps to eradicate the possibility of damp and mould growth.



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# Can I refuse to have the work done?

Yes, unfortunately if you refuse the work the installer will be unable to carry on with the rest of the work(s).

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