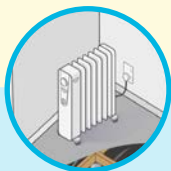


Let's make rental homes warmer and drier

Making the healthy homes standards 2019

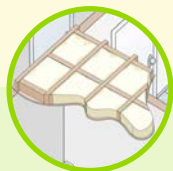
Nearly 600,000 households rent in New Zealand. Our rental homes are often cold and damp. This can lead to negative health and social outcomes for tenants.

We understand these are the issues:



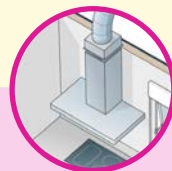
Heating

A large proportion of rental homes have no heating in living rooms and bedrooms, or the heating is inadequate, inefficient, or unhealthy, and below recommended indoor temperatures.



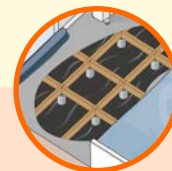
Insulation

Rental homes may not have a sufficient level of insulation in the ceiling and under the floor, and the insulation may not be in a reasonable condition.



Ventilation

Many rental homes do not have enough ventilation, particularly in moisture-prone areas such as the kitchen or bathroom, so mould may form.



Moisture entry and drainage

Many rental homes are not sufficiently protected from moisture rising from under the floor or through leaks in drains.



Draught stopping

Many rental homes, particularly older ones, are draughty, making them cold, and more difficult and costly to heat.

- › Have you or your tenants experienced these issues with your rental home?
- › What should the minimum standard be?

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We have some options to fix these problems.

What do you think about the following?

Heating

Should heating be located in living rooms and bedrooms?

What achievable indoor temperature should heating devices be sized for?

Should landlords only be required to provide heating devices where portable heaters are insufficient?

Should certain heating devices be acceptable?

If so, which ones?

See Healthy Homes Standards Discussion Document Section 1

Insulation

What is the appropriate minimum level of insulation?

How should the degradation of insulation be assessed?

See Healthy Homes Standards Discussion Document Section 2

Ventilation

What is the appropriate level and method of ventilation (openable windows, extractor fans in rooms with baths, showers, indoor cooktops) for rental homes?

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Moisture entry and drainage

Do existing laws provide adequate protection against moisture entering the home?

Should rental homes be required to have ground moisture barriers fitted, or vents under the floor?

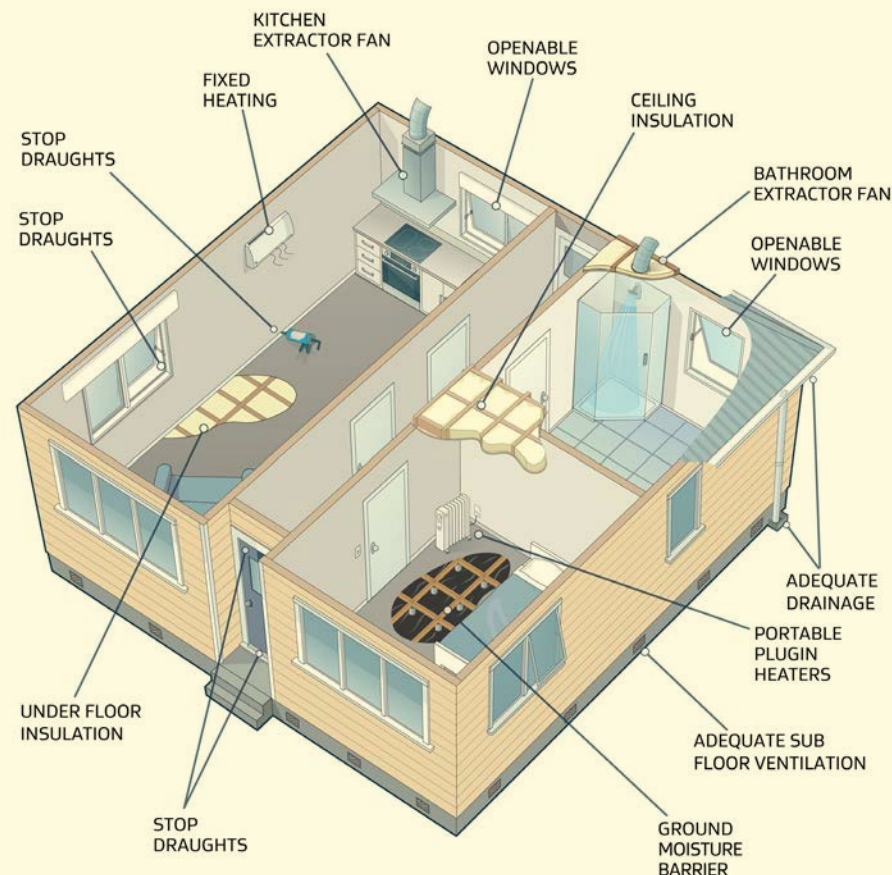
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Draught stopping

What appropriate measures should be taken to stop unnecessary draughts making the indoor temperature colder?

Should any unnecessary gaps or holes (3mm or greater) be stopped, and chimneys and fireplaces blocked?

See Healthy Homes Standards Discussion Document Section 5



We would also like to hear

- › What should landlords be required to do to fix the issues, and by when?
- › Are there other options that would work better?
- › How can we ensure landlords have complied to meet the standards?
- › What haven't we considered?

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