

Building Integrity Checklist

Area	Check	If so...	Action
Windows	Is there a draught around the window frame?	Your windows may not be fitted correctly, or they may be damaged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that the frame area is sealed. - Get the pane or the frame repaired or replaced if necessary.
Floors	Is there a draught though the floorboards or around the skirting?	The floorboards or skirting might not be sealed correctly or the sealant may be damaged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seal and insulate all floorboards and skirting properly including any gaps in suspended timber floors. - On ground floors, ensure appropriate insulation is installed whenever a new floor is to be laid. Where there are concrete floors it may be best to insulate suspended ceilings rather than the floor.
Roof/ loft	Is there a draught around the roof joints?	There may be broken roof tiles.	Replace any broken tiles and check the underlay is not damaged.
	Is the insulation damp?	There may be water seeping in through the roof.	Replace any damaged waterproofing and insulating materials.
Doors	Can you feel any draughts around the door frame area?	Your door fitting may not fit flush with the door frame or the frame or the door may be damaged.	If necessary you should invest in a new door and /or frame.
	Can you feel any draughts under the door?	The door fitting may not have the appropriate draught excluders.	Fit draught excluders around the door and make sure the frame is sealed. You should also consider fitting a letter box with draught excluding brushes
Pipes	Are your utility pipes exposed?	The heat from hot water pipes will escape and any exterior pipes get damaged by frost.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insulate all external pipes with weatherproof insulation and don't forget to insulate internal hot water pipes too. - Replace any missing or damaged sections.
	Is existing insulation damaged?		
Walls	Do some parts of the wall feel colder than others?	This could be an early warning sign of damp.	Get a specialist to see how you can rectify this. If you are planning on renovating your building damp proofing and exterior and interior insulation may be an option.