

Keys to Success #7

Protect your home against winter perils!

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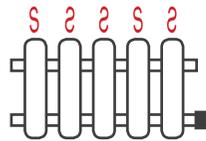
Consider Trace & Access cover



At Uinsure, Escape of Water (EOW) is the most common claim in the winter months and there was an 810% increase in EOW claims between 2009-2016. If you're unfortunate enough to suffer an Escape of Water, and don't have Trace & Access cover in place, you could end up paying thousands of pounds of your own money to remedy the situation. Is Trace & Access cover something you could benefit from?

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Keep your heating on for an hour a day



If you're at home over the winter period, then the likelihood is that your heating will be on for more than an hour a day. If you're going on holiday or seeing friends and family over Christmas though, don't switch your heating off entirely. Keeping your heating on for an hour a day can help prevent your pipes from freezing and bursting.

3

Insulate your pipes



The main cause of pipes bursting is water freezing and expanding inside of them - a gallon of water, when frozen, will expand to a volume 9% greater than the original gallon! Ensuring that all of your pipework is protected from the cold is therefore vital. If your pipes aren't insulated, you can purchase (eco-friendly!) pipe insulation from DIY shops or speak to your plumber about installing this.

4

Acquaint yourself with your stopcock



For those of you who aren't familiar with a 'stopcock', it's the control tap for your mains water that sits underneath your sink. It's really important that this can be easily switched off and on. Test it out by running your kitchen sink tap and making sure it stops when you switch the water off using your stopcock.

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Think about covering your boiler



20% of homeowners had their boiler breakdown in 2017 according to Uswitch. The cost for setting things right? Which.co.uk reported that the average cost for this was £270, but was as high as £450 in some instances... ouch! With Boiler Breakdown cover, you can avoid these hefty fees and be safe in the knowledge that you'll be staying warm during the colder months*.

*Exclusions may apply