

Your guide to escape of water

£930 million

Insurers pay out £930 million in water-related claims each yearⁱ

£5,305

The average cost of escape of water claims is £5,305ⁱⁱ

£9,000

A claim relating to a burst pipe costs £9,000 on averageⁱⁱⁱ

Escape of water claims have risen over the past 15 years^{iv}

More than half of business interruption claims are due to water leaks/bursts^v

Common causes

Frozen pipes

Blocked waste pipes

DIY errors

Tips for preventing escape of water

Learn to spot frozen pipes

Insulate any exposed pipes

Set heating to come on at regular intervals

Turn off the water in empty properties

Make sure you know where the stopcock is

Provide tenants with drain protectors to stop pipes getting blocked

Invest in good quality pipework and seals

LeakSafe

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