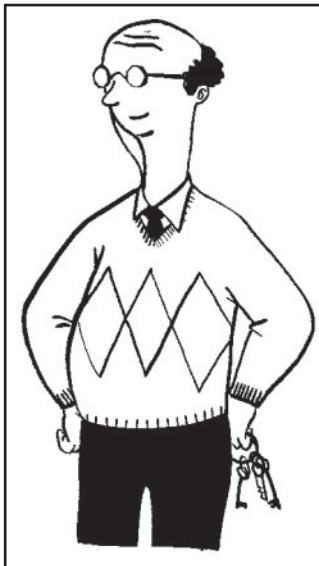


THE RESPONSIBILITIES

Of the landlord

The landlord must take the necessary measures **to make the repairs** (roof, groundwork, walls, frames).

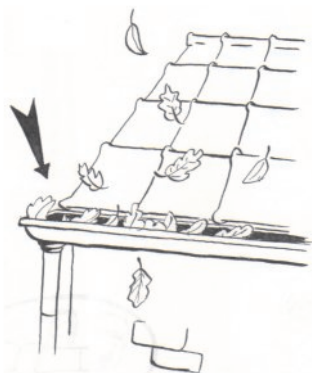


The landlord must repair the **defective water pipes** (with professional plumber or heating engineer).

The landlord must replace **old or used installations**.

Of the tenant

The tenant is responsible for his housing and its good state maintenance.



Attention!
The tenant has to take care of **cornices and drainpipes cleaning**.



In case of **problem** (leak or infiltration), the tenant has to inform as fast as possible the landlord by sending him a registered mail.

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Risks

LEAFLET N°8

THE HUMIDITY

English

RENT HOUSING



A tip!
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WHAT'S THE HUMIDITY ?

The humidity is a **water excess** causing :
moulds and an unpleasant odour.

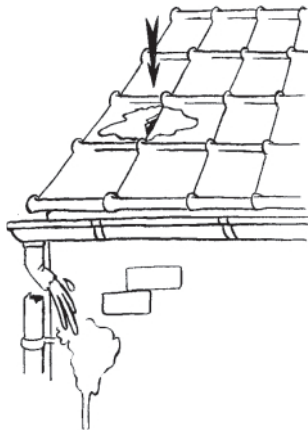


This leads to :

- ▶ Health problems of the inhabitants (asthma or allergy),
- ▶ Damages to the housing (the wallpaper and the wood start to rot, the metal rusts).

WHERE DOES THE HUMIDITY COME FROM ?

From the building



- ▶ The infiltration of rain water,
- ▶ The upward humidity (humid ground, basement or bad isolated fundament, humidity in the lower parts of walls),
- ▶ The accidental reasons (leak in the roof, in the drainpipes, break of the watercourse),
- ▶ The renovation works.

From the condensation

They are **small drops** accumulated on the windows.



The condensation occurs in :

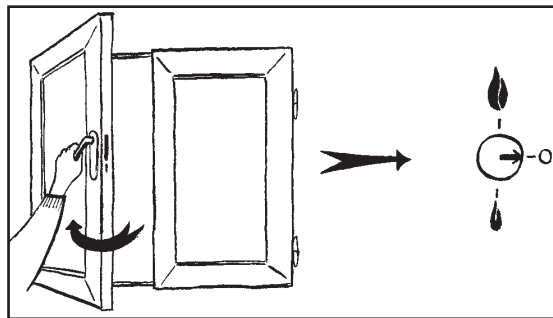
- ▶ The kitchen,
- ▶ The bathroom,
- ▶ The small rooms where are gathered many people.



WHAT TO DO TO AVOID THE HUMIDITY ?

Of the building

- ▶ Stuff all the **holes** where water comes from,
- ▶ Ventilate the **cellars** and don't store the wood on the ground,
- ▶ If it **smells bad**, ventilate to change some air,
- ▶ Scrub the **mould stains** with a sponge dipped into the bleach.



Air the rooms **minimum 1 hour** in the morning, **after having cut the heating**.



Of the condensation

- ▶ You have to ventilate **longer** the bathroom and the kitchen.
- ▶ Open the window as you cook, especially if you don't have a hood of ventilation.
- ▶ Air the rooms where there were many people.
- ▶ Even if it's cold, **open your bedrooms windows** in the morning.
- ▶ Avoid drying **the linen** inside or ventilate afterwards.

When the ground is cleaned, help it to dry with a **dry cloth**.



- ▶ If there's steam on windows or if the water-heater flame gets yellow, it's a sign of a **fresh air lack**.
- ▶ Don't put a sofa or an armchair against a **humid wall**, leave some space in between.