

# THAW

## Post-thaw, check once more

Straightforward advice from Fortis – in association with the British Insurance Brokers Association and Rok.

Now the country has thawed and ahead of any further snow or icy conditions, householders and those responsible for business premises should take immediate action even if they were fortunate enough to avoid an escape of water. There's still plenty of winter left and the thaw can present its own problems, not all will be visible.

Four key actions need to take place now in the home and workplace to help to reduce the risk of water damage during the thaw or in case of further snow and freezing temperatures.



**Taps. Test all taps to make sure that water is free flowing. Check with a plumber if the flow is limited or not regular. Look for rusting or oxidised pipes and joints.**



**Heat. Keep heating on low at nights. Even though the days may get milder, the nights are likely to be cold still and you won't know if a cold snap hits over night.**



**Attics and loft spaces. Check for any pipes that have frozen. Check water tanks for leaks. Open the loft hatch to let warm air enter the roof void during very cold spells.**



**Water stopcock. Know where it is. If you need to turn it off in an emergency make sure you and your family at home, and appropriate colleagues at work, know where it is. Let a neighbour know when you are out or away.**



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