

HVAC Professionals Offered Four Top Tips to Prepare for Condensation Season and Awaab's Law Rollout

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As the colder months approach, HVAC tradespeople are being called upon to be proactive in tackling condensation, damp, and mould in rental properties.

The callout comes from [Elta](#), the UK's leading air movement and air quality specialist, and follows on from the recent proposed introduction of Awaab's Law to the private rental sector (PRS) through the Renters' Rights Bill that was brought before Parliament recently. With more than 5.8 million homes in the UK experiencing condensation-related issues, there is an increased role to play for ventilation specialists in ensuring legal compliance and maintaining healthy indoor air quality.

Awaab's Law — named after Awaab Ishak, a two-year-old boy who died from mould exposure in his poorly ventilated home — will see new responsibilities on social landlords to remedy damp and mould issues within strict timelines.

As this law extends to private rentals, HVAC professionals will be key to ensuring these homes meet the new standards and must be equipped with the right ventilation solutions to meet growing demand and tighter deadlines under Awaab's Law.

To help ventilation installers, Elta offers four key tips in preparation for the upcoming condensation season:

1. Upgrade and optimise ventilation systems

HVAC professionals should assess existing ventilation setups and recommend upgrades where necessary. Continuous mechanical extract ventilation (MEV) and decentralised MEV (dMEV) systems, as part of a ventilation strategy, are proven solutions to help control indoor moisture levels year-round. Both provide continuous airflow, preventing the buildup of condensation that often goes unchecked in poorly ventilated properties.

2. Ensure compliance with Awaab's Law and building regulations

Awaab's Law demands fast response times and proper remediation of mould-related hazards. Being familiar with the latest Building Regulations and Approved Document F, which outlines ventilation requirements – means ventilation professionals can ensure installations comply and strengthen their relationships with landlords.

3. Prepare for high demand and supply chain pressures

Due to the fast-approaching winter season and the introduction of Awaab's Law to the private rented sector, demand for high-quality ventilation equipment is expected to rise. To ensure they have access to a reliable supply of fans, extractors, and PIV units to meet the surge in demand, ventilation professionals should familiarise themselves now with the latest products and their applications, and where to source them from.

To help installers, they can head to the [Elta Trade](#) website, where they will find a range of Elta's products suitable for ventilating residential and commercial properties, as well as a list of stockists.

4. Offer landlords expert advice

HVAC professionals are in a strong position to advise landlords on the best solutions for preventing condensation and ensuring tenant health. By discussing modern ventilation systems and the benefits of continuous ventilation solutions with landlords, ventilation professionals you can help them avoid costly legal actions and reduce the risk of damp and mould.

David Millward, Product Manager at Elta Group, said: "Autumn and winter is the perfect time of year for those in the HVAC industry to become trusted advisors to their landlord clients. Awaab's Law and the Renters' Rights Bill is a major shift for the social housing and private rented sector, and HVAC contractors can help ensure compliance, improve indoor air quality, and enhance tenant wellbeing.

"The extension of Awaab's Law places ventilation professionals at the heart of ensuring tenant safety and regulatory compliance. We're encouraging all HVAC tradespeople to prepare for this by understanding the new requirements and offering landlords effective ventilation solutions."

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