

Draughty Windows

This is probably the most common fault in older uPVC windows.

The first thing to check is: can you feel where the draught is coming from? (Use the back of your hand to check).

If it is coming from the hinge side of the window check to see if there is a small gap between the frame and the opening sash. If so then the friction stays (hinges) probably need replacing. If the draught is from the locking side of the window then the lock may need adjusting, if possible (not all locks are adjustable). Or it may be that you require new rubber gaskets.

If the draught is coming from between the frame and the wall then the perimeter seals of the frame itself need to be checked both inside and outside.

Sometimes what is perceived as a draught is not a draught at all. If the double glazed unit is not efficient the inside surface of the glass will be cold to the touch. This creates an area of colder air around the window which gives the feeling of a draught. The only way to cure this problem is to replace with new glazed units which are more efficient or turn up your central heating.