



## **Sash Window Draught Proofing Bishopton**

Draught proofing your sash windows can have a number of benefits. It can help to keep your home warmer in winter by preventing cold air from coming in through the cracks, and it can also help to reduce noise pollution from outside. In addition, draught proofing can help to extend the life of your sash windows by preventing moisture and dirt from getting in and causing them to deteriorate.

There are a number of different ways to draught proof sash windows, and the most effective method will vary depending on the type of window and the age of the property. However, some simple tips include installing weather stripping around the edges of the window, using caulk to fill in any gaps, and installing sash window stops. Draught proofing your sash windows can have a number of benefits, so it is definitely worth taking the time to do it properly.

**Do my windows need draught-proofing?**

Not all windows need to be draught-proofed. Since 2002, double or triple glazed windows should not require any additional construction or installation because they are sufficiently well-built and installed. Draught-proofing older double glazing and single glazed windows is possible. If you're unsure about the age of your double glazing, look for either a FENSA certificate, which you'll receive with any new windows installed since 2002, or a stamp in the metal seal of the window.

Although the risk for draughts around one window's edge is not identical to that of an external door, the total amount of draught from all of your home's windows can result in a significant amount of energy loss. As a consequence, it is critical to prevent drafts in these areas. You must first identify the gaps that need to be filled before undertaking comprehensive draught-proofing of a window. There are several possibilities when it comes to how you might draught-proof a space.

## **How Should I Draught-Proof A Sash Window?**

Brush strips are a fantastic way to draught-proof a sash window or to remedy uneven gaps between the window and its frame owing to seasonal changes. While brush strips are typically used on doors, it is not unusual to see them around larger windows.

Brushes or blades are connected to a carrier that is pinned to the frame. While they may be painted to hide them, this detracts from their effectiveness. Brushes or blades can be contained in wooden carriers, which might provide a more aesthetically-pleasing answer for window draughts.

Low-friction seals in loose strips or carriers are another approach to draught-proof your window that is frequently used when doing it yourself. The rubbing of wipers or blades, which are attached to the frame, against the closing window is what this technique entails. They might also be secured with an adhesive-based foam strip. This method may be cheap, but it doesn't comply with British standards, so it's not recommended.

## **Using Gunned Silicone As A Sealant**

Gap-filling seals with gunned silicone sealant are a DIY-friendly and inexpensive solution to your window draught-proofing requirements. To ensure maximum draught-proofing, the portion of the window that comes into contact with the frame should be coated in a release agent. This prevents the sealant from bonding to the glass rather than the frame. The window is then closed to create a temporary mould for the sealant while it sets. While it provides an effective solution to the draught-proofing problem, if done incorrectly, it can result in an untidy mess.

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