CHECK OUT YOUR RIGHTS Double Glazing



If you have double glazing fitted it must be done:

- WITH REASONABLE CARE AND SKILL
- WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME
- FOR A REASONABLE CHARGE

When the work carried out doesn't meet any of these three rules:

- If the fault is due to poor fitting and can easily be put right, it is reasonable to expect a repair.
- If the trader cannot repair the fault properly, you are entitled to compensation. This could be the cost of getting somebody else to do the repair.
- or more than a reasonable time, you are entitled to compensation. This could be the cost of getting somebody else to complete the job, or a sum of money for the inconvenience caused.

The double glazing itself must be:

- OF SATISFACTORY QUALITY
- FIT FOR ITS PURPOSE
- AS DESCRIBED

When the double glazing doesn't meet any of these three rules:

- If it has only been fitted a couple of weeks or you haven't had a reasonable opportunity to check it, you are probably entitled to a refund for a major fault, a number of minor faults or a serious misdescription. However, if the fault is in just some of the units, you are probably only entitled to have the faulty units replaced.
- If the fault is only minor and can easily be put right, it is reasonable to accept a repair. This won't stop you claiming a refund if the repair turns out to be unsatisfactory.
- If the double glazing has been fitted for longer than a couple of weeks, you are probably only entitled to have the fault put right. If a repair or replacement is not carried out within a reasonable time, you are probably entitled to compensation. This could be the cost of having someone else repair the double glazing.
- If the double glazing is beyond repair you are entitled to a **refund**. The trader may make a **reduction** from the price you paid to allow for wear and tear.
- If you are out of pocket in any other way, you may be entitled to compensation over and above the price of the double glazing.

Remember, if you are entitled to a refund, a repair or compensation it is the trader

who supplied and fitted the double glazing who must sort out your problem.

IMPORTANT

- If you bought on credit you also have extra rights. Contact our consumer adviser.
- You have seven days to cancel any contract you sign at home during an uninvited visit by a salesperson.
- Except in the cases above, you have no rights if you simply change your mind.
- Your rights cannot be taken away by anything written into a notice, receipt, contract, warranty or guarantee.
- Fair wear and tear is **not** a fault.
- Only pay in full when the job has been completed to your reasonable satisfaction.
- Double glazing may **not** resolve problems with condensation and noise.