

Fact Sheet

How to unblock a sink

Common causes of blocked sinks are:

- Fat
- Oil
- Food
- Hair

We recommend you use a plug strainer to prevent future blockages

To unblock a sink you will need:

- a plunger
- 2 pieces of cloth

Steps

1. Check underneath the sink to make sure that all the pipes are capped.
2. Place a cloth underneath to catch any leaks.
3. Cover the overflow with a cloth or a sponge.
4. Place the plunger over the plug hole, remember to cover the overflow to stop the blockage coming up through the overflow.

5. Plunge.
6. If the water flow is still blocked or slowly runs away, then continue to plunge.
7. To check the blockage is removed, fill the sink up with water, pull the plug out and make sure it runs away correctly.
8. Check under the sink to see if there are any leaks.

For your safety remember to:

- Place a cloth under the pipes in case of leaks
- Remove waste safely
- Get someone to help if needed
- Use cold water

We hope this information was helpful. If you are still experiencing problems with your blocked sink, then please contact your repairs service.

You can also find a video to accompany this fact sheet at: www.mearsgroup.co.uk

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