

# Repairs: Kitchen Sinks

## Leaks

- If a leak is major and may be affecting the electricity supply, turn off the electricity at the fuse board.
- If a tap is leaking from its spout, it will require a new washer.

## Blockages

If you have a blocked wash hand basin you can use the following methods to clear it yourself:

- Remove the drain cover and clean under the surface of the drain. You might find hair (and other little things) has built up underneath the drain.
- Use a bent wire coat hanger to clear deep down blockages. Straighten a coat hanger out and then make a hook at the end. Use it to pull out any hair and other things that are in your drain.
- Try using a plunger to clear a blockage and remember to cover the hole. Plunge with a vertical up and down action.
- You can buy a chemical drain cleaner from supermarkets and DIY stores. Usually one application is enough to dissolve fats and soap but handle with care.

