



The walls of your house play a protective role. When the building envelope is damaged, or has defects, water can easily infiltrate.

RISK FACTORS

BE ALERT IF:

- 1 Bricks are missing;
- 2 Mortar is missing;
- 3 Stepped cracks appear in brick walls;
- 4 Window sills or lintels are missing or deteriorated;
- 5 Blocked or missing weep holes in the walls;
 - Vinyl or metal siding is missing or damaged

PREVENTION AND CORRECTION ADVICE

CONSULT A BUILDING EXPERT QUICKLY IF THERE IS:

- 6 A large amount of crumbling mortar;
- 7 Bulge in the wall (frost heave);
- 8 Efflorescence below windows, doors or balconies;
- 9 Presence of green moss;
- 10 A missing threshold (door sill);
 - Crumbling of bricks (spalling);
 - General deterioration of surfaces.

QUICK SAFETY TIPS

- A Prevent water, snow and ice from accumulating on walkways and steps.
- B Check the soundness of balcony attachments and railings.
- C Repair broken window panes.
 - Check that no cladding (brick, aluminum, etc.) is detaching.

IMPORTANT

North-facing walls deteriorate less quickly because of they are less exposed to the sun.

