

### OCCURRENCE

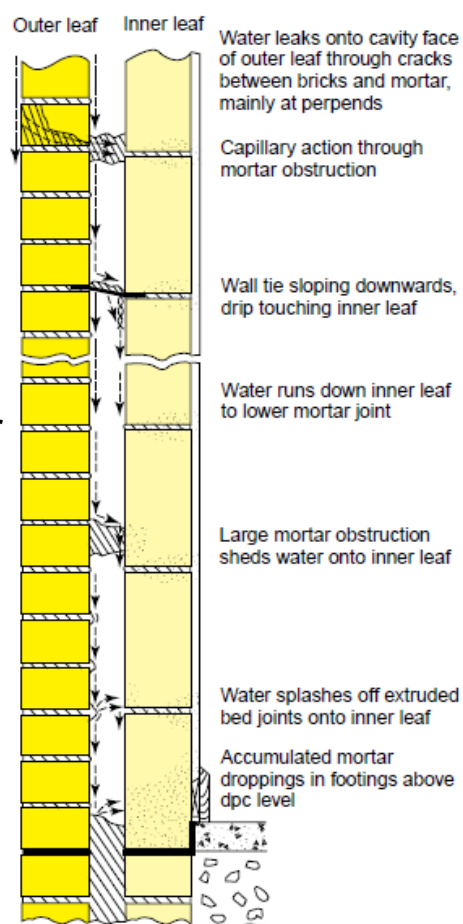
- Penetration of water through the building walls over a period of time.
- Usually occurs at high level through walls or roofs.
- Almost always the result of defective construction or damage/ decay in older homes
- Sources include:
  - blocked gutters or down pipes;
  - defective flashings around chimneys, flues and foul waste vent pipes;
  - external wall cavities bridged by rubbish or mortar droppings in cavity, which catch on wall ties.

### IDENTIFICATION

- Localised areas of damp or saturation of walls or ceilings.
- Beware, though, as this can also be caused by water leaks – check for these first and before calling a professional surveyor or builder.

### REMEDIES

- Repairs will generally need to be made by a roofing contractor or builder.



How rain can cross an unfilled cavity

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