

## Weep Holes

### Why are weep holes important?

Weep holes are important because:

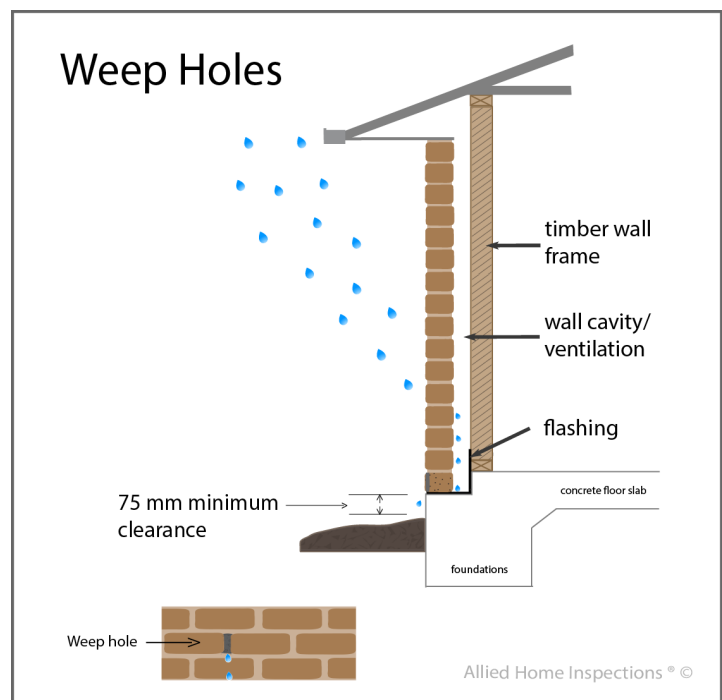
- They provide ventilation to the wall and roof cavities. This ventilation will help to prevent dampness, mildew and dry rot affecting the internal components of a dwelling.
- They provide a drainage system to allow water and condensation to escape the wall cavity.

### How do weep holes work?

Moisture from heavy rain, flooding and also accidental flooding inside your home, can enter in to the wall cavity by soaking through the brickwork or internal linings.

**Weep holes** are installed just below the slab height of a dwelling to provide a drainage system to remove any moisture inside the wall cavity. The moisture can safely drain out through the weep holes to protect the internal components of your home from damage.

A weep hole that becomes blocked can cause water retention in the cavity, so regular inspections are important.



### How to maintain weep holes

**Weep holes should be visible at all times.** Property owners should be careful not to place any obstructions such as foliage, mulch, timbers, paving or stored goods up against or close to, any weep holes. Obstructions can provide a bridge for pests, including termites to enter into your home. Trim back foliage and keep dirt, mulch, stones, paths and timbers at least **75 mm below a weep hole**.



Inspections of all weep holes should be undertaken on a regular basis, checking for any signs of pest entry. Signs of termite entry may appear as termite mud, tracking in to the weep hole.

If you find signs of termite or pest entry through a weep hole contact a professional pest inspector to assess the activity for you.

Make sure that any external fixtures such as hot water systems, air conditioning units, etc are not obstructing the view of any weepholes.