

Plumbing Expert Warns Aussie Residents of Slab Leak Dangers

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Melbourne ? Plumber Melbourne VIC, the long standing center for residential and commercial plumbing services, has issued a warning to Australian homeowners regarding the dangers of slab leaks. This warning is in line with the company?s mission to provide the best plumbing service to as many people as possible in Australia.

?The main problem is that in the Southwest of Australia many of the homes that were put up during the 1980s were built with a concrete slab foundation, and under that slab they put in soft copper water pipes,? explains Plumber Melbourne VIC. ?As it turned out, that combination is a slab leak situation waiting to happen, and the consequences can be catastrophic.?

Slab leaks under a foundation aren?t just a mere annoyance. In some cases they can lead to severe and costly damage. The problem is that when a soft copper water pipe leaks or ruptures, evidence of the damage may not be immediately noticeable.

?It can take weeks or even months for the damage to appear when the water pipe ruptures or leaks,? says

Plumber Melbourne VIC. ?It?s for that reason homeowners in Southwest Australia are advised to take quick action when they notice evidence of a slab leak.

According to Plumber Melbourne VIC, slab leaks come in three basic types. A water leak occurs when there?s a broken or cracked water line that?s in or under the home foundation. With a sewer leak, the cracked or broken line under the foundation may be emitting a foul odor, and it may be blocking the sewer system. With a gas leak, the leak from under the foundation is coming from the gas line.

?A slab leak is usually caused when old pipes crack or fracture, which is quite common among the soft copper water pipes used in Southwest Australia,? reveals Plumber Melbourne VIC. ?They then warp the areas under the foundation, create cracks in the walls, buckle the floor, or even cause a lateral shift in the foundation.?

Fixing slab leaks is just one of the many services offered by Plumber Melbourne VIC. According to the company, the emergency plumbing needs of Australian homes include fixing blocked drains and drain cleaning.

?Not every plumber in Melbourne can provide the range of residential and commercial plumbing services we offer,? says Plumber Melbourne VIC. ?For commercial companies, we also offer hydro jet drain cleaning, sewer line cleaning, and repiping.?

However, many of the plumbing emergencies such as blocked drains and toilets are fairly evident and easy to notice. It?s not the same for slab leaks.

?Often, slab leaks are found in garage floors where very few people may notice them at all, so the damage isn?t fixed as quickly as possible,? warns Plumber Melbourne VIC. ?And in the home, the signs of a slab leak may be hidden by carpets, tiles and wooden floors so homeowners remain unaware that their foundation may be damaged.?

The signs of a slab leak may include wet or warm spots on floors, sounds of ripping water with no observable cause, wet spots or standing water near the foundation, high water bills, or low water pressure. When these signs are noticed, Australian residents are advised to contact Plumber Melbourne VIC as quickly as possible. It may be a simple problem, or it may be a serious slab leak that poses a threat to the home.

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