



Typlex Polybutylene Pipes in WA Homes

Approximately 15,000 homes in Western Australia constructed or renovated between mid-2017 and mid-2022 are fitted with Iplex Pro-fit Typlex 1050 Resin Polybutylene Pipes (Typlex pipes), which have been prone to leaks that have caused property damage and required replacement.

INDUSTRY RESPONSE

A number of builders are participating in an [Industry Response](#) package agreed to by Iplex, the State Government and builders.

The Industry Response provides property owners with rectification in stages proportionate to the number of leaks of the Typlex pipes: repairs and ceiling re-pipe for one leak, a zone re-pipe for two leaks, and a full re-pipe for three leaks.

Property owners can pursue a complaint with the Building Commissioner if their property was built by a builder that is not participating in the Industry Response.

LEAK DETECTION UNITS

Properties with Typlex pipes are eligible for a [leak detection device](#) to be installed free of charge, which will automatically cut off the water if a leak is detected.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

- **SELLERS** will need to disclose whether their property contains Typlex pipes, has experienced previous leaks, or has had remedial action. Your real estate agent will ask questions about when the property was built or renovated, who built the property and whether the property contains Typlex pipes.
- **BUYERS** may consider asking whether the property contains Typlex pipes. Only Iplex Pro-fit Typlex 1050 Resin Polybutylene Pipes are subject to the Industry Response.
- **LESSORS** will need to disclose the presence of Typlex pipes to property managers and tenants.
- **TENANTS** are encouraged to ask if the property contains Typlex pipes or whether a leak detection unit has been installed at the property.

For more information, visit the WA Government Building and Energy [website](#)

For any queries, speak with your local REIWA agent, or contact the REIWA Information Services line on 9380 8200.

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