

# **Understanding Structural Cracks**

## **Practical Guidance for Homeowners**

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Cracks in buildings are common, but not all cracks indicate a structural problem. Many homeowners become concerned when they notice cracks appearing in walls, ceilings, or brickwork.

Some cracks are cosmetic and related to normal plaster shrinkage or temperature changes, while others may indicate movement in the building structure.

Structural cracks may develop due to foundation movement, poor construction practices, soil movement, or structural loading problems.

It is important to identify whether cracking is cosmetic or structural before attempting repairs.

## **When Should You Request a Structural Investigation?**

- Cracks are widening over time
- Doors or windows begin sticking
- Floors become uneven
- Cracks appear in brickwork rather than plaster
- Previous crack repairs have failed

An independent structural investigation can identify the true cause of defects and recommend the correct remedial action.

### ***Request a Structural Assessment***

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