

Common Problems with Traps

**MISSING/ LEAKING** Amateur installations may omit traps, and leaking traps are ineffective. Leaks in traps under sinks can be seen when water is flowing, but leaking traps under concealed fixtures such as bathtubs and shower stalls may not be discovered until damage is visible below.

Leaking basement floor drain traps are often not detected for some time. A sewer odor or air movement up through the floor drain may indicate a problem. (Air movement may be the result of downspouts discharging into the floor drain above the trap. This may not be a problem. It is also possible that the water has evaporated out of the trap, or the trap may be leaking.)

**S TRAP – SIPHON RISK** S traps often lead to siphoning problems and most plumbers recommend replacement with P traps. Bell traps, drum traps and crown vented traps are not recommended for plumbing fixtures in homes.

