

## 5. Around the Washbasin

### (1) Washbasin and Vanity Cabinet

Bathrooms are fitted with a washbasin or a washstand unit, and newer apartments are also equipped with a vanity stand. Please be careful not to damage the sink. (For example, don't drop things into it.)

The pipes underneath the washbasin are exposed, so please use this area with caution and take care not to bump them. (Open the door under the washbasin and check the pipes from time to time for any leaks.)

If your washbasin should overflow, please consult page 72.



### (2) Washing Machine Stand and Use of the Washing Machine

- With some exceptions, apartments are fitted with a reinforced plastic washing machine stand.

Please make sure that the drain hose is securely attached with string to the washing machine wastewater trap and catch tray.

- Please keep an eye on the drainage system, and remove any thread or lint from the catch tray.

To clean the washing machine stand, use a soft sponge or equivalent. **For more information, see the manuals or instruction stickers that come with the washing machine.**

- If your apartment has not a water-proof pan for a laundry machine but drainage facilities (a hole at the fixtures of the door for the bathroom or the lower part of the wall), you insert the discharge hose for the laundry machine in the hole until the hose reaches the drain outlet for the bathroom. When installing a washing machine, you may need to have an additional stand to place the washing machine in order to give the discharge hose the necessary incline.
- Make sure that the earth wire of the washing machine is attached to the earth terminal.



#### Warning

Do not place your washing machine in the bathroom, as there is a danger of electrocution through short circuiting.



Waterproof Pan



Drainage Facilities (For fittings)

#### ◆ Use of the Waterproof Pan ◆

Please do not drop heavy items on the waterproof pan, as this can reduce its waterproofing capabilities.

#### ◆ Use of the Laundry Facilities ◆

- Use of a fully automatic washing machine can lead to the "water hammer effect," where (hot/cold) water supply pipes emit noise, but this is not a cause for concern.
- Connections to water supply taps may come loose due to vibration, so check these periodically.
- Keep the water faucet shut off except when using a washing machine.  
If not, there is a risk of water leakage.
- If you use a clothes dryer, we recommend that you do not use one that vents to inside the apartment, due to condensation concerns.

#### ◆ Laundry Detergent ◆

Please be aware that use of large amounts of detergent can lead to excess foam, which can block drainage. This can adversely affect other residents, so please be careful to use an appropriate amount.

### (3) Floor Repairs

A lot of water is spilled around washbasins, washing machines, and kitchen sinks. Bathroom and kitchen floors are not waterproofed, so please wipe up any spills. Spills on wooden floors can lead to rotting, so please apply wax or an equivalent coating periodically.

