

# What are my basic responsibilities for Legionella Control

Are you truly protecting yourself, your employees and perhaps most importantly, your clients from Legionella?

## The Legislation-

Health and safety at work Act states that *any business which has Five or more employees need to have measures in place* to control the risk of Legionella and take preventative actions. These need to be recorded and stored for at least 5 years.

ACoPL8 states health and safety responsibilities for businesses to help them comply with their legal duties in relation to legionella.

There are a number of routine and regular services that are a requirement to be compliant with basic legislation and guidance.

**You must have a suitable and sufficient Legionella Risk Assessment and perform following tasks on a routine basis:**

## Weekly

- Little used outlets need to be thoroughly flushed at least once a week

## Monthly

- Temperature checks on sentinel outlets (these are nearest and farthest points within a system) and if the building is large enough, additional readings can be taken from other floors or wings

## Quarterly

- Showers and hoses need to be descaled on a quarterly basis at minimum. Circumstances may require more frequent descaling depending on scale build-up

## Six Monthly

- Cistern Inspections
- TVC samples for drinking water
- Expansion vessel purge

## Annually

- Hot Water Storage Vessel (boiler) Purge
- Potable (drinking) water cistern clean and disinfection
- Non-potable cistern inspections

If you have TMVs in the premises, these need to regularly serviced and maintained.

All the above actions, when carried out effectively and to a regular schedule, will help ensure protection from the bacteria and keep your staff and visitors safe from the risk of Legionellosis (disease caused by bacteria).

Speak to us about your Legionella control requirements today.