

Your Role in Legionella Control

There are several pieces of legislation that determine how premises owners should take a duty of care for the people that work in or use those premises. These are:

- Health and Safety at Work Act
- Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations
- COSHH Regulations (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)

The HSE (Health & Safety Executive) have issued a guidance document, that provides the 'how' of what legislation is asking for. In brief, the ACoP requires that a Management team are set up with the responsibilities laid out as below:

The main duties of the Duty Holder is to ensure that

A suitable and sufficient assessment of the risk has been carried out.

A responsible person is appointed.

Adequate preventative measures are installed to reduce the risk against Legionella proliferation.

A scheme of work to control Legionella is being carried out.

All measures that are identified in the risk assessment are implemented.

Allowances are made for the training of in-house staff appointed to carry out any of the duties.

The main duties of the Responsible person and deputy are:

To ensure that the checks are completed and recorded.

To liaise with the Appointed person on any matters concerning the L8.

To maintain the records that are fit for scrutiny within the log book.

Implementation of a safe system of work.

The main duties of the Responsible deputy person are

To carry out the tasks as requested by the appointed person.



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