

AquaJorvik Ltd

The safety of your premises and all its utilities is a very important aspect of your business. You are busy resolving the day to day problems and keeping everything right. Sometimes there are matters that you require external expertise with. The safety of your water systems is one such matter. We can provide you with a professional service and peace of mind by offering these services:

- conducting full Risk Assessments
- supplying a working Log Book of all aspects of Legionella Control
- training you on the use of the working Log Book
- cleaning and disinfection
- regular water sampling

We are a Yorkshire based company, striving to provide a quality service to our customers.

**Legionella Control is your responsibility—
Legionella Control is our business.**



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Legionella Control Specialists

'Simply safe water'

**Your questions answered on
Legionella Control
For
Businesses with premises**

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**QUESTION:
What is Legionella?**

Legionella is a water borne bacteria that occurs naturally in environmental water sources. However, when the bacteria is allowed to exist in manufactured water systems and given the conditions to proliferate they present a significant health risk, which is potentially fatal. This risk is especially high to vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly, or sick who are exposed to the bacteria.

**QUESTION:
Why is Legionella a problem?**

Legionella bacteria when inhaled (via water droplets or aerosols) can cause Legionnaires' disease.

Legionnaires disease is a form of pneumonia which principally affects those who are susceptible because of age, illness, immunosuppressant drugs, smoking etc.

Legionnaires disease is caused by a specific Legionella bacteria called Legionella pneumophila. Other Legionella bacteria may cause less serious illnesses which can affect anyone.

**QUESTION:
Why do I need to do anything about Legionella Control?**

It is legal requirement for premises' owners and employers under The Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 to have responsibility for safe premises. A way of adhering to those requirements are outlined in the



HSE's (Health and Safety Executives) ACoP (Approved Code of Practice) L8—"The Control of Legionella bacteria in Water Systems".

The failure to comply with the law could leave you open to legal action in the event of infection from water borne bacteria.

To comply with their legal duties, employers and those with responsibilities for the control of premises should:

- A) appoint a person to be managerially responsible.
- B) identify and assess sources of risk
- C) prepare a scheme for preventing or controlling the risk
- D) implement, manage and monitor precautions
- E) keep records of the precautions

**QUESTION:
How do I ensure my water systems comply with legislation?**

Appoint a person to be Managerially responsible.

Ensure a Risk Assessments is carried out to assess the state of the water system and to determine the risks. This will then highlight any alterations that may be required to minimise your Legionella risk and comply with the latest Water Regulations.

Additionally a specific program of cleaning and disinfection of your water systems should be devised to ensure a clean system is being used. Both of these processes should be fully documented.

Cleanliness of a system can then be established by taking water samples, and gaining certificated results of the samples to ensure that your water is clear of Legionella.

**QUESTION:
Who has responsibility for putting these actions in place?**

The owner of the premises or an employer has responsibility to ensure that people who visit or use the premises can do so safely—this can be achieved by carrying out all the controls mentioned in this leaflet.