

12. WATER HYGIENE - LEGIONELLA

Prevention or Control of Legionella in water systems comes under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations which is a Statutory Instrument under the Health and Safety at Work Act. The Health and Safety Executive [Approved Code of Practice \(ACOP\) L8](#) sets out the minimum standards required with regard to water hygiene. It states that the responsible person (Headteacher) should:

- Have a risk assessment carried out on the building.
- Review this every two years or whenever there is a change of use or work is carried out to the building.
- Initiate an inspection testing and monitoring regime. L8 stipulates what should be monitored and the frequency required.

There is no set requirement under L8 to sanitise the water supply system within the building, only that this should be carried out as and when it is shown to be necessary by the monitoring regime.

The risk assessment must contain details of what should be included in the monitoring regime and these will need to be implemented for the premises.

The Council offers extensive training in respect of these requirements to help ensure that the water supply and its systems are safe and free from the risk of contamination. Please contact Construction and Maintenance for further guidance about the Water Hygiene programme in Bracknell.

Further information can be found in the Bracknell Forest Legionella Management policy: <http://schools.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/assets/bracknell-forest-legionella-management-policy.pdf>

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