

LEGIONELLA CONTROL **TENANTS ADVICE :**



Legionella bacteria ↑

What is Legionella?

- The bacteria Legionella pneumophila is common in natural water sources such as rivers. It may also be found in purpose built water systems such as hot and cold water systems.
- If conditions are favourable, the bacteria may grow increasing the risks of Legionnaires' disease and it is therefore important to control the risks – The Control of Legionella bacteria in water systems (L8).



In October 2013 HSE amended the Approved code of Practice L8 – Legionella control.

How does this affect me?

- Your landlord SHIRE Housing Association will carry out a survey to a sample of flatted dwellings to comply with the guidance and demonstrates compliance under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974



What do I have to do?

- As the person living in the property you have a duty to inform Shire Housing Association if the hot water is not reaching 50 degrees or above
- If you leave the property for 2 weeks vacant you must run the cold water taps for 5 minutes and the hot water taps for 2 minutes to flush all stagnant water out of the pipework
- You have a duty to inform the Shire Housing Association if the property is going to be vacant for 4 weeks or longer
- You should clean and descale your showerheads and taps every 3 months