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Legionnaires' Disease

Prevention and Control



Tenant Information Sheet: Legionnaires' Disease Prevention and Control

- Hot and cold water systems in a domestic setting can, under certain circumstances, provide an environment where Legionella Bacteria can grow. If not controlled properly this can cause a potentially fatal form of pneumonia caused by inhalation of small droplets of contaminated water containing the bacteria.
- Legally, it is your landlord's responsibility to take precautions to prevent Legionella being present in the hot or cold water system, but tenants and residents also have an important part to play in taking these simple and practical precautions.

Do Not Be Alarmed!

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Important

Do not interfere with the settings on your boiler or hot water cylinder. The hot water should be set so that the water is heated up to 60° C.

Tell your landlord (or agent) if any of the following apply:

- Once you have initially run off any cold water it is still warm. It should not be above 20°C.
- There are any problems, any debris or discolouration visible in the water.
- Your hot water cylinder or boiler is not working properly, particularly if after running the tap for at least a minute the water is not coming out at 50° C.

Where showers are fitted

- If any showers fitted in the property are rarely used, then flush them through on a weekly basis for at least 2 minutes – As far as possible, stay out of the way whilst doing this.
- To reduce the risk further clean, descale and disinfect the shower head every three months.

If the property is left unoccupied for long periods of time, make sure that when you occupy the property again and from the outset, you flush through all outlets for both the hot and cold water system.

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I confirm I have received a copy of this advice sheet and understand it's content

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Date:

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