

*This leaflet aims to give you information on what precautions you can take within your home.*



*By following the advice in this leaflet you can keep the risk of the disease low.*

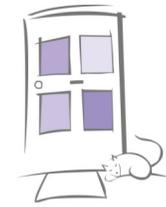


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**Legionella  
Water Testing  
Advice**

Please keep this leaflet for information purposes

## What Should I Do?

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- Ensure that you run every tap, flush the toilet & use the shower at least once per week
- Do not drink water from an outlet in your bathroom. The cold tap in the kitchen provides drinking water.
- Ensure that your hot water is hot. The temperature setting of your hot water heater will be set by the Association at the annual service. Please call us if the temperature of your hot water should fall.
- When you go on holidays or if your property is empty for a week or longer please ensure that every tap is run & toilet flushed when you return,

- If your property is empty for a week or more when you return you should put the shower head into a plastic bag (carrier bag) and run the shower into the bag in the shower tray for at least 10 minutes
  - If you notice any change in the water quality in your house please inform the Association as soon as possible.
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## What the Association will do

- We will ensure that domestic water systems in their properties are maintained in a condition, which does not allow harmful bacteria to breed, by regular checks, monitoring and disinfection as appropriate.

## Legionnaires' Disease & How do people get it

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- Legionnaires' disease is a form of pneumonia. Anybody can catch it, but it is more likely to affect those who are susceptible because of age, illness, low immunity or smokers etc.
- This leaflet aims to give you information on what precautions you can take within your home. Please read this leaflet carefully.
- People catch Legionnaires' disease by inhaling small droplets of water suspended in the air, which contain the bacteria.