

# **Risk control**

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### Introduction

Cases of Legionella outbreaks may lead to organisations and individual officers being prosecuted in the criminal courts. These prosecutions may be for breaches of health and safety legislation, and / or gross negligence manslaughter.

If your building was closed or has had reduced occupancy during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, water system stagnation can occur due to lack of use which increases the risks of legionnaires disease.

## RMP Risk Control Support

RMP Risk Control can support your safe return to the workplace in the following ways:

- Bite Size Training on Legionella
- Half Day Virtual Training on Legionella Risk Management
- Legionella Risk Management Review.

### Bite Size Training on Legionella

Our one hour bite size training sessions on legionella provide an introduction to the disease, covering what legionella is, how and where it arises, the legal basics and risk management steps you can take to control it.

This is a popular bite size topic within our programme and we have sessions running throughout the remainder of 2020. Please contact your Risk Control Consultant or RMP Account Director for details of dates and availability.

### Legionella Risk Management Training

Our half day Legionella Risk Management Training course can be delivered virtually by our Risk Consultants.

The intended audience is Line Managers and Supervisors responsible for the management and provision of water services and all others involved in the day to day management or provision of water services.

The course is designed to raise awareness of the risk infection from legionella and to provide participants with a sound understanding of the nature of the disease and the tools to employ to control the risk.

The course will address:

- Duties under the law
- L8 The control of legionella bacteria in water systems ACoP
- Key management factors.

The course provides delegates with a fundamental understanding of:

- The nature legionnaires disease
- The causes of outbreaks
- An overview of the scale of the problem
- A five step process to comply with legislative requirements and control the risk of infection in the workplace.

Please contact your Risk Control Consultant or RMP Account Director to arrange a virtual training session.

### Legionella Risk Management Review

The Control of Legionella Risk Management Review is designed to evaluate the adequacy of policy and implementation of procedures in eight key areas:

- Risk assessment
- Roles and responsibilities
- Design and installation of hot and cold water services
- Prevention and control
- · Protection of personnel
- · Cooling towers and other risk systems
- Monitoring and inspection
- Record keeping.

# Methodology

Your RMP Risk Control Consultant will conduct meetings with key personnel within the legionella control management hierarchy to discuss the various aspects of the systems and procedures in place.

Please contact your Risk Control Consultant or RMP Account Director to book a review.

### **Further information**

For access to further RMP Resources you may find helpful in reducing your organisation's cost of risk, please access the RMP Resources or RMP Articles pages on our website. To join the debate follow us on our LinkedIn page.

### Get in touch

For more information, please contact your broker, RMP risk control consultant or account director.



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