

Westglenmoriston Community Company LEGIONELLA PREVENTION CHECKLIST

Certain bacteria can, given the right conditions, multiply and cause a pneumonia-like illness if water droplets are breathed in. This checklist outlines the essential precautions to take to ensure that hot and cold-water systems are kept in a safe condition. While temperature should be your primary method of control, do not rely on it as your sole method. They say that 'prevention is better than cure' and the same applies to legionella control, so look to minimise the chance for the systems to support its growth through appropriate design and construction.

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If you answer 'no' to any of the following, then you could be encouraging the growth of legionella.	Yes	No
Have you had a competent advisor such as a member of the Legionella Control Association carry out an assessment of your water system to identify potential issues?		No
Have you considered limiting the amount of water storage to ensure a quick flow through the system?	NA	
Is there easy access to all essential parts of the system to aid inspection and maintenance?	Yes	
Are you water pipes kept as short and as direct as possible?	Yes	
Have you insulated pipework and tanks to help keep hot pipes hot and cold-water pipes cold?	Yes	
Are hot and cold-water pipes kept separate to minimise heat transfer?	Yes	
Are water storage tanks fitted with lids or screens to prevent contamination?	Yes	
Have you assessed the risk of scalding from your hot water taps and the need for controls such as thermostatic mixing valves?	Yes	