



Issue 17 The information hub is designed to provide - mainly technical - information relating to Water Coolers and Boilers, to assist you with your work

LEGIONELLA & WATER COOLERS

The question is sometimes raised
"Is Legionella a risk in Water Coolers?"

Please see below a brief resume from the WHA (Water Dispenser & Hydration Association) which is the UK's Water Cooler Trade Association.



Legionella pneumophila

The agent that causes Legionnaires' Disease is a bacterium called Legionella pneumophila. People catch Legionnaires' Disease by inhaling small droplets of water suspended in the air, which contains the bacteria, typically from air conditioning units, humidifiers and cooling towers.

Legionella pneumophila bacteria cannot grow effectively at temperatures less than 20°C.

There is no risk associated with Legionnaires' Disease from drinking water from a water dispenser. In addition, Members of the WHA sanitise their customers' dispensers on a regular basis for complete hygiene and integrity. Legionnaires' Disease does not spread from person to person.

Visit the Government website below for further information.
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/legionnaires>



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