

LEGIONELLA

The Association is continuing its programme to upgrade all bathrooms across the housing stock. As part of this upgrading work we are installing showers to assist tenants to become more energy efficient and to increase convenience for them.

We need to make you aware that there is a small risk that legionella bacteria can accumulate when water systems are not used for a period of the time. The information provided below is to help you reduce that risk: -

If your bathroom has been upgraded to include a shower we would draw your attention to the following: -

- If you are away from the property or going on holiday for more than a week, remove the shower head from the wall support so there is no loop in the shower hose. This will prevent water from becoming stagnant.
- If the shower is unused for a period time (i.e a two week holiday) we would recommend that on your return you run the shower and all hot and cold water taps for at least five minutes. This will flush away any buildup of bacteria from the system.
- We also recommend that the shower head and hose should be descaled (using a proprietary descalant) at periods not less than three months or earlier when the shower head shows signs of blocking.

By taking the simple precautions listed above, you will considerably reduce the risk of legionella forming.

For further information please contact the Repairs Team on: 0131 337 3222