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ACoP L8 (Legionnaires' Disease): key changes and guidance

The Legionnaires' disease Approved Code of Practice (ACOP) (L8) is aimed at dutyholders including employers, those in control of premises and those with health and safety responsibilities for others, to help them comply with their legal duties in relation to legionella. These include identifying and assessing sources of risk, preparing a scheme to prevent or control risk, implementing, managing and monitoring precautions, keeping records of precautions and appointing a competent person with sufficient authority and knowledge of an installation to help take measures needed to comply with the law.

The HSE revised L8 in November 2013, see [HSB25](#), to update and clarify the information for dutyholders on what constitutes legal requirements and what is guidance. This fourth edition contains revisions to simplify and clarify the text. The main changes are the removal of Part 2, the technical guidance, which is published separately in [HSG274](#) and giving the following issues ACOP status:

- risk assessment
- the specific role of an appointed competent person, known as the 'responsible person'
- the control scheme
- review of control measures
- duties and responsibilities of those involved in the supply of water systems.

As with other revised ACOPs, [L8](#) now includes a summary at the beginning of each Regulation, outlining the key requirements. These summaries have been included in this guide where Regulations have been highlighted. The revision is part of a wholesale review and update of ACOPs being undertaken to make HSE advice clearer for the dutyholder to follow.

If you require further assistance or clarification on the subject please contact:

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