



ACioPL8 and HSG274 parts 1,2 and 3

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Vehicle Wash Systems

Overview of *Subject / Change / Guidance*

Part 3 of the recently issued HSG 274 gives guidance on controlling legionella in “other risk systems” and provides specific recommendations that should be followed to minimise risk from exposure to legionella bacteria. This includes all types of vehicle wash systems—from powered jet washes to fixed position rollover and drive-through equipment are covered by this new guidance



What this means for you?

The key implications of this for you and your organisation should you possess any vehicle washes within your operation are that a **water risk assessment** needs to be carried by a **competent person** out which will:-

- Recommend frequency for cleaning filters/strainers, cleaning of collection tanks and the checking of the treatment system
- A biocide treatment programme is required and must be monitored and controlled to the standards required in cooling towers (weekly dipslides and biocide level testing)
- Cleaning and disinfection of the system and ensure sludge tanks are emptied
- Sampling for legionella quarterly



What do you need to do to manage the risk?

You are required to control the risk to your employees and as appropriate the general public within your duty of care under the Health and Safety at Work, etc. Act (1974) on the risk from exposure to Legionella bacteria that may arise from work activities.

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