

BOHS Approved Course Scheme

LEGIONELLA AWARENESS COURSE

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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'*Legionella Awareness*' is designed as a BOHS Approved course providing basic knowledge and understanding of the risks posed by legionella bacteria and how these can be controlled.

Course aims

- 1) Provide an appreciation of the occurrence and health risks associated with legionella bacteria and the importance of preventing and controlling exposure.
- 2) Give a clear understanding of everybody's roles and responsibilities. This will include employers, employees, safety representatives etc.
- 3) Provide an overview of the main elements of control strategies required to manage the risks from legionella bacteria.
- 4) Give delegates the confidence to deal with consultants.

Learning outcomes

The Legionella Awareness course syllabus should provide delegates with a basic appreciation of:

- 1) what Legionnaires' disease is;
- 2) where legionella bacteria can be found;
- 3) their legal responsibilities;
- 4) assessing the risk;
- 5) water systems presenting the greatest risk;
- 6) measures for preventing or controlling the risk;
- 7) sampling;
- 8) other duties such as the notification of cooling towers and evaporative condensers; and
- 9) the factors to consider when engaging a consultant / water treatment company.
