**Tenants guide on Legionnaires disease**

**What is legionnaire’s disease?**

A potentially fatal form of pneumonia caused by inhalation of small droplets of contaminated water containing Legionella bacteria.

**Where can it be found?**

* It can be found in domestic hot and cold water systems, as they provide an environment where Legionella bacteria can grow.

**To help prevent legionnaires:**

* Ensure your hot water or boiler system is set to heat the water up to 60

**Inform your landlord or agent if:**

* You have run the cold water tap ensuring any existing water in the pipes has run through and the water is still running warm, as it should be less than 20
* There is any debris or discolouration in the water
* The hot water has had a sufficient amount of time to heat up depending on the hot water or boiler system this can vary and the water should be at least 50

**If you have a shower fitted:**

* If the shower is not used regularly please run the water for at least 2 minutes every week whilst standing as far back as possible
* Clean the shower head with disinfectant and lime scale remover at least every 6 months.

If you have left the property empty for a long period of time please run both the hot and cold water taps to ensure any stagnant water is washed through the system before use

It is legally your landlords responsibility to take the necessary precautions to prevent Legionella in the hot or cold water system, however as you are living at the property we would ask that you help by carrying out the above recommendations.

If at any time you have concerns or problems with your heating or water please contact me on 01747 213106 or email [hayleyb@boatwrights.co.uk](mailto:hayleyb@boatwrights.co.uk)