



Estate Water Safety Governance Health Check

A high-level governance review tool aligned to ACOP L8 and HSG274 expectations.

This tool provides a high-level governance overview to assist estates teams in understanding their current position in relation to ACOP L8 expectations and operational water safety management across their estate.

Each governance element can be assessed using the Red / Amber / Green indicators.

RAG Assessment Guidance

Green – Compliant / Well Managed: The governance element is clearly documented, implemented and operating effectively in accordance with ACOP L8 and HSG274 guidance. Responsibilities are defined and monitoring evidence is available.

Amber – Partially Implemented / Requires Review: Some elements are in place, but gaps exist in documentation, implementation or monitoring. Current arrangements may require review to ensure continued suitability and sufficiency in accordance with ACOP L8.

Red – Not Evident / Significant Gap: No clear evidence of governance or control arrangements in place. The element may be undocumented, incomplete or not aligned with ACOP L8 expectations and should be reviewed as a priority.

Note: This health check provides a high-level governance overview only and does not replace a formal Legionella Risk Assessment or detailed system inspection.



Governance Area	Indicator	Red ●	Amber ●	Green ●	Notes
Duty Holder Governance	Is there a clearly defined and documented Duty Holder / Responsible Person structure with delegated responsibilities for water safety management?				
Written Scheme of Control	Is a site-specific Written Scheme of Control in place that describes how Legionella risks are managed across the estate?				
Risk Assessment Validity	Is the current Legionella Risk Assessment demonstrably suitable and sufficient, reflecting current system configuration and operational use?				
Remedial Action Governance	Is there a structured process for recording, prioritising and closing actions identified?				



Cold Water Storage Management	Are cold water storage tanks appropriately sized, maintained and achieving adequate turnover to minimise stagnation risk?				
Scald Risk Management	Has a formal scald risk assessment been undertaken and appropriate temperature control measures implemented where required?				
Sentinel Monitoring	Are sentinel outlets correctly identified and representative of the most thermally challenged parts of the system?				
Governance Oversight	Is water safety governance periodically reviewed at senior management level with documented oversight of compliance performance?				