

Deconstructing Legionella Risk Management

A Practical Approach

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Legionnaires' Disease

A serious type of lung infection (*pneumonia*).

First discovered in 1976, following an outbreak at an American Legion convention in Philadelphia which resulted in 34 deaths and 153 hospitalizations.

CDC researchers traced the source to a new type of bacterium. In reference to the outbreak, the genus was named *Legionella*, and the pneumonia it causes became known as *Legionnaires' Disease*.

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The sharp increase in reported cases is due to a combination of:

- Increased awareness and testing demand.
- Greater susceptibility in the population.
- Larger amounts of *Legionella* bacteria in the environment.

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