

# Quick Start Guide to Cooling Tower Regulations

Do you own or operate a high-rise apartment building, hospital, nursing home, hotel, dry cleaner, shopping center, manufacturing plant, data center, grocery store, or similar facility?

Your workplace may have a cooling tower – and you are **required under the New York State sanitary code** to maintain it.



Cooling towers that are not maintained can grow bacteria inside of them, and people can get Legionnaires' disease from that bacteria.

By maintaining your cooling tower properly, **you are protecting people from getting sick and you are following NYS regulations.**



**Flip this card** to learn the basics of what you need to know if your workplace has a cooling tower, and where to find more details.

# All cooling tower owners and operators must:

- 1 Register** cooling towers in the NYS Department of Health cooling tower registry
- 2 Sample** towers regularly
- 3 Log** *Legionella* culture sampling dates and results into the registry, and report any exceedance to the health department within 24 hours
- 4 Inspect and certify** towers routinely
- 5 Develop and follow** a maintenance plan
- 6 Keep** appropriate records



## More information:

[health.ny.gov/LegionellaRegulations](http://health.ny.gov/LegionellaRegulations)

## Questions?

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