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

Questions?
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