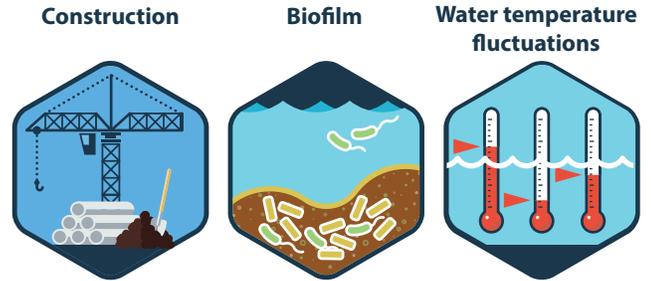


# How *Legionella* affects building water systems and people

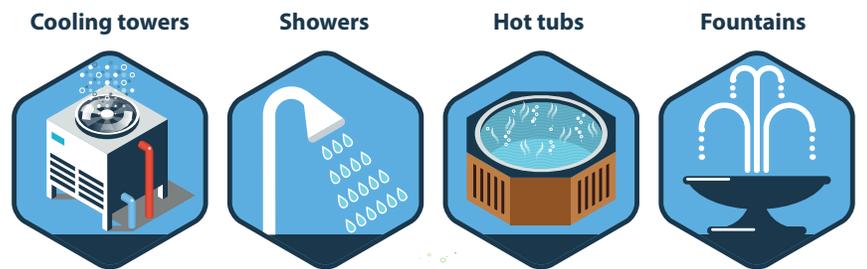
1. Internal and external factors can lead to *Legionella* growth in building water systems.



2. *Legionella* grows best in large, complex water systems that are not adequately maintained.



3. Water containing *Legionella* is aerosolized through devices.



4. People can get sick when they breathe in small droplets of water or accidentally swallow water containing *Legionella* into the lungs. Those at increased risk are adults 50 years or older, current or former smokers, and people with a weakened immune system or chronic disease.

