

Reopening after a shutdown

A closed building stores Legionella risk — bring the system back deliberately, before anyone arrives.

Before anyone arrives

- ✓ Restore hot and cold temperatures first
- ✓ Flush thoroughly through every outlet
- ✓ Disinfect and sample where the risk assessment calls for it
- ✓ Sign the system back into service

Don't

- ✗ Flick everything on the morning people return
- ✗ Drop the heat to save energy while it sits idle
- ✗ Pause flushing because the building is empty

Don't forget the quiet assets

- ▲ TMVs, spray taps and drinking-water dispensers
- ▲ Ice machines, eyewash and emergency safety showers
- ▲ The far wing you reopen a fortnight later

The habit

- Plan the reopening when you plan the shutdown
- A closure is a change of use: review the risk assessment
- Flushing frequency during closure set by the assessment