How \textit{Legionella} affects building water systems and people

1. Internal and external factors can lead to \textit{Legionella} growth in building water systems.

2. \textit{Legionella} grows best in large, complex water systems that are not adequately maintained.

3. Water containing \textit{Legionella} is aerosolized through devices.

4. People can get Legionnaires’ disease when they breathe in mist or accidentally swallow water into the lungs containing \textit{Legionella}. Those at increased risk are adults 50 years or older, current or former smokers, and people with a weakened immune system or chronic disease.

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