



## Information for visitors and tourists



### What is a private water supply?

If the premises you are staying in has a private water supply then the water will not have come from a statutory water undertaker such as a water company.

This may mean that the amount of treatment the water has had may be different to the water you drink at home and are used to. For example, a private water supply may not have chlorine added to it to kill any potentially harmful micro-organisms.

### Why do I need to know about private water supplies?

You are being told that the water is from a private water supply so that you can consider whether you need to take additional precautions to protect your health or the health of your family.

For example, if you or members of your party include very young children, elderly persons or people who are on medication for immunosuppression or immunocompromised conditions then you may wish to take precautions such as only using cooled, boiled water for drinking or brushing your teeth.



### What does the drinking water notice tell me

You will have seen a notice displayed in the premises informing you about the drinking water. Although the quality of the water is usually acceptable for drinking, under certain circumstances the quality may be lower than you would expect from a public supply.

If you require more information then ask the owner or owner's representative and they will assist you with your enquiry.

### What do I do if I am still concerned?

If you still have concerns about the drinking water quality then contact the local council's environmental health service.

### Where do I get more information?

More information about private water supplies can be obtained from the local council's environmental health service. Details of your local environmental health service can be found on the back cover of this Information Guide or in your local telephone book.

