Make smart choices of pipes and fittings

Connect copper pipes with compliant solder

**Enjoy safe drinking water with ease** 

A licensed plumber is a person licensed under the Waterworks Regulations to carry out various types of plumbing works for the supply of water to domestic, commercial and industrial buildings.

I need to renovate my kitchen, what should I note about?

To ensure the safety of drinking water supplied to your home, when making choices of pipes and fittings, e.g. water taps and stopcocks etc, you should only choose those in compliance with the British Standard. If not, pipes and fittings may release excessive heavy metals into the water and affect your health.

If you have doubts on whether the stopcocks, water taps and valves on sale comply with the standards, you may consult with the retailer concerned or a licensed plumber.

(http://www.wsd.gov.hk/p\_and\_f.html)

You can also make reference to the approved water supply pipes and fittings directory available in the WSD's website.

If I would like to replace or realign the fresh water pipes of my home, what should I note about?

Fresh water pipes commonly used inside premises are copper pipes. Copper pipes in general can be connected by compression jointing or soldering. Now, if the method of soldering is to be applied, the plumbing works must be **carried out with the** 

written permission of Water Authority and undertaken by a licensed plumber.

**Safety Advice** 

1. To ensure the safety of drinking water supplied to your home, you should only

choose pipes and fittings in compliance with the British Standard.

All plumbing works using soldering for connecting copper pipes should be

carried out with the written permission of Water Authority and undertaken by a

licensed plumber.

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