



The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland Newsletter

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Welcome!

Our second newsletter is the Autumn edition which will bring you up to date with what's happened since the last edition and what we've got coming up before the end of the year.



Annual Conference 2023: Book your place!

There's not long left to book your place at this 'jam packed' two day conference!

If you are responsible for tenant and resident safety in your organisation, then you should be joining us... there will be lots of useful information, workshop sessions, case studies from peers and the opportunity to network with colleagues.... what's more as a Network member, you benefit from a discounted price whether you attend just one day or both!

All of the team will be there and we're really looking forward welcoming you all!

Regulator launches consultation on the future of social housing regulation in Scotland

The Scottish Housing Regulator is consulting on proposals for how it regulates social housing in Scotland. It is inviting tenants, landlords and others with an interest in its work to give their views by 15 December.



In its proposals, the Regulator explains how it will continue to safeguard and promote the interests of current and future tenants, people who are homeless and others who use social landlords' services.

A key proposal would see the Regulator introduce a new provision to its statutory guidance to allow the Regulator to require landlords to provide explicit assurance in the Annual Assurance Statement (AAS) on a specific issue or issues.

[Read full details and the consultation package, here.](#)



Welcome to our new members!

Since our last newsletter, our Network has grown and we're delighted to welcome the following organisations:

Bield Housing & Care

Bridgewater Housing Association

Cadder Housing Association

East Kilbride Housing Association

Langstane Housing Association

Southside Housing Association

West Granton Housing Co-operative

E-bikes & Scooters

With Christmas on the horizon, e-bikes and scooters may well be on Santa's list for some children and with the cost of living challenges, consumers may be tempted to reduce costs by buying second hand or replacing charges with cheaper imports...

It's really important to understand the issues that can be caused when e-bikes and scooters are being charged.. particularly relating to fire.



We've heard some sad stories about fatalities recently as well as properties that have been gutted by fires caused by the lithium ion batteries that these gadgets use.

We've put together a briefing with some useful hints and tips, which will make you aware of the dangers and also give you some information to share with your tenants and residents.

[Access the full document here.](#)

On average in 2023 London Fire Brigade have been called to an e-bike or e-scooter fire **once every two days.**

In 2022, LFB attended 87 e-bike and 29 e-scooter fires; a total of 116 fires. Visit the [LFB website here.](#)



Electrical Safety First

Electrical Safety First have produced a raft of free information, including expert advice and information on all the technical issues involved in electrical installation work.

Their 'Best Practice Guides' have been produced in association with several other industry bodies, and whilst these downloadable guides support the work of designers, installers, verifiers, and inspectors of domestic electrical installations, we also think that they provide some really useful information for you too.

[We've uploaded them to the library here](#)



NEW Expert Insights

We're delighted to announce our new 'Expert Insight' briefings for our members. We'll pick a topic and ask our technical specialists (our experts!) a series of questions - those that you really should be asking about tenant and resident safety - and we'll collate the responses together in a handy briefing for you.

Our first subject was **asbestos** and we put the questions to **Matt Dawes**; there's some really useful information that is relevant to your asbestos management arrangements.

Our second subject is **gas** and this time, we put the questions to **Ryan Hodgson** our Gas Safe registered professional and, again, there is some really useful information for you.

You can find these in the [quick guides and briefing section](#) - you will need to be logged in to read them!



Document library...

We've also been busy updating the online document library with:

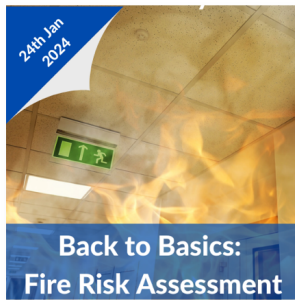
- ✓ Quick Guides
- ✓ Gas Safe Technical Bulletins
- ✓ Electrical 'Best Practice' Guides
- ✓ Briefings, Expert Insights and more.

We also upload the relevant documents from the Scottish Housing Regulator and the English Regulator and Housing Ombudsman - this is so that you can find good practice, lessons learned and key requirements that are relevant to the sector up here in Scotland.

We're always looking for more to add to the library so make sure you check back regularly to see what's new.

You can view the library [here](#).

Some content requires you to be logged in to view.



Free member webinars

We're kicking off with our 'Back to Basics' series of webinars which will take a look at a specific safety-related subject and tell you what you should be doing to comply with the Regulations and standards – sometimes, it's about more than holding a certificate or assessment and ticking a box...

For more information, and to book, click [here](#).

Spotlight on training

IOSH Managing Safely in Social Housing

We've only got one more of our ever-popular IOSH Managing Safely in Social Housing dates running this year and it's almost full... don't miss out if you want place!

It's a 'Live Online' virtual courses and you'll join colleagues from other social housing providers in Scotland.

We are also pleased to announce dates for our first 'Live Online' virtual in February 2024 - we've already sold half the places!

[Visit the website for more information here](#)

We have used our first-hand experience and knowledge to develop this bespoke version of the ever-popular IOSH training course, tailored specifically for those operating in the social housing sector. The course is 'jam packed' full of information and will cover the importance of managing safely in the social housing sector.



IOSH Managing Safely® in Social Housing

7th, 8th & 15th December 2023

8th, 15th & 22nd February 2024

Asbestos training

BOHS P405 Management of Asbestos in Buildings (Hybrid course) - Feb 2024



P405 – Management of Asbestos in Buildings (including Asbestos Removal) is the industry-standard qualification for those whose work involves asbestos management, such as duty holders, building managers, responsible persons, and those who look after asbestos management data.

We are running a hybrid five-day course, with three of the days held 'Live Online' and the other two held face-to-face in Glasgow.

For full course details, including dates, visit the website

BOHS Endorsed - Asbestos: Survey Specification and Understanding Reports **** Exclusive to Housing H&S Compliance UK Ltd****

This one day course being held in the Glasgow area on **29th February 2024** is bespoke to organisations operating in the social housing sector; the theoretic element of the training focuses on providing answers to the following questions:

1. Why do we have surveys?
2. How do we choose surveyors?
3. What do we need from the survey report?
4. How can we avoid issues during / after the survey?
5. Planning of surveys
6. Some common issues that are encountered
7. How do we use the reports?



Delegates will find out the reasons for asbestos surveys/inspections and understand the legislative requirements in accordance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012.

For full course details, visit the website.

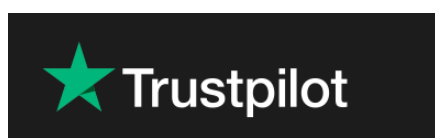


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Don't just take our word for how good our training is... visit our website where you will see a wide range of testimonials

<https://www.hhsc-learning.com/testimonials/>

Or you can visit our Trustpilot page



Member discount

ALL Network members are entitled to a **10% discount** on all training courses offered by Housing H&S Compliance UK Ltd.

To view the courses available, **visit the HHSC Learning Hub.**

