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The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

Our third newsletter is the Winter edition which will bring you up to date with what's happened since the last edition and what we've got coming up over the coming months.

BS 9792 Fire risk assessment - Housing - Code of practice: Draft for Public Comment

The draft Standard has been developed by a drafting panel under FSH/14 Fire Precautions in Buildings. The methodology in this British Standard is intended to determine the risk-proportionate fire precautions required to protect occupants of housing premises and people in the immediate vicinity of the premises.



Scope: this British Standard gives recommendations and corresponding examples of documentation for undertaking, and recording the findings of, fire risk assessments (FRAs) in housing premises and parts of housing premises and is applicable to houses in multiple occupation, blocks of flats or maisonettes (both purpose-built blocks and houses converted to flats) and specialised housing.

This British Standard is not applicable to a private dwelling, to premises during the construction phase, before the building is used as housing, but it is applicable to vacant premises. It is also not applicable to premises used solely for short-term letting (e.g. of flats), peer-to-peer rented accommodation nor to non-domestic premises or residential care homes.

The Draft for Public Comment for BS 9792 runs from 25th January to 25th March. All details can be found on the [British Standards website](#) and you can read the document and comment/respond from there accordingly.

Network events programme

We're very pleased to share the programme of Network events taking place over the next couple of months.

This includes a mix of FREE and discounted webinars, get togethers and events.

See the following page for the programme, or visit the [events page of the website](#).

NETWORK EVENTS PROGRAMME



Event	Date	Location
FREE <u>Back to Basics: Fire Risk Assessment</u>	14 February 2024	Webinar – Live Online
FREE <u>Back to Basics:</u> <u>Tenant & Resident Safety</u>	21 February 2024	Webinar – Live Online
FREE <u>Network Shared Practice ‘Get together’ –</u> <u>Effectively Managing Contractors</u> (Interactive discussion – led by <u>Ryan Hodgson &</u> <u>Vicki Cutler</u>)	19 March 2024	Calton Heritage & Learning Centre 423 London Road, Glasgow, G40 1AG (Adjacent to Thenue Housing)
FREE <u>Back to Basics: Asbestos Management</u> <u>in Domestic Dwellings</u>	20 March 2024	Webinar – Live Online
<u>Network Event:</u> <u>Legionella in Social Housing</u> (The Practical Approach)	18 April 2024	No 10 Hotel, 10, 16 Queen's Dr, Glasgow G42 8BS
FREE <u>Back to Basics: Gas Safety</u>	24 April 2024	Webinar – Live Online
FREE Network Shared Practice ‘Get together’ and site visit – District Heating	30 May 2024	West Whitlawburn Housing Co-operative
<u>Network Event</u> <u>Tenant & Resident Safety Annual Conference</u>	20-21 November 2024	TBC

Network Events: ‘Paid for’ events, available to all but subsidised for Social Housing Safety Network Scotland members

Webinars: Available to all but FREE for Social Housing Safety Network Scotland members

Shared practice ‘get togethers’: Only available to Social Housing Safety Network Scotland members (FREE)

Any questions? Please email events@scotlandsafetynetwork.scot

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Welcome to our new members!

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

Renfrewshire Council

Queens Cross Housing Association

Berwickshire Housing Association

Govanhill Housing Association

Ore Valley Housing Association

Cernach Housing Association

Clydesdale Housing Association

New guidance to enhance e-bike and e-scooter safety

Information around how to safely purchase, charge and use e-bikes and e-scooters was published by the government last week.

Following extensive consultation with industry, guidance on battery safety for both e-scooters and e-bikes will raise awareness for owners on how to safely purchase an e-cycle or e-scooter, ensure it meets manufacturing requirements and is only bought from reputable sellers. The documents also cover safe storage and charging, the warning signs for fire risk and how to address them, and how to dispose of batteries responsibly.

[The guidance can be found here.](#)



Family of woman who died from asbestos exposure call for inquiry

Christobel Grant's family have won a landmark legal case against West Lothian Council after she repeatedly reported the presence of asbestos.

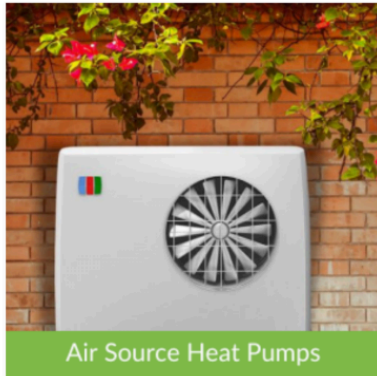
Over the course of 40 years, asbestos was falling from shelves in Christobel Grant's pantry onto pots, pans and circulating in the air around her home.

This is the first known case in Scotland where someone has died from asbestos in their home and lawyers have warned that it is only a matter of time before more tenants pursue legal action because of asbestos-related health complications.

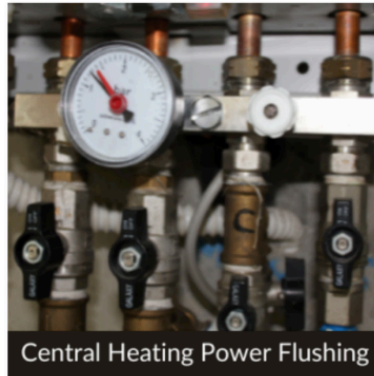
[Read the full article here.](#)

In case you missed it: Knowledge Builders

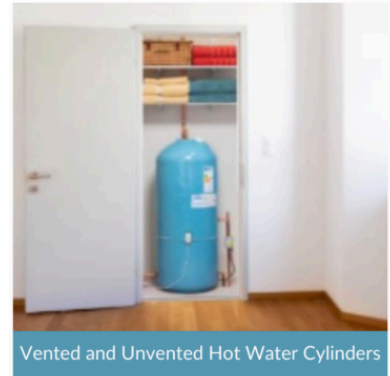
We're delighted to announce we have launched three of our 'Self-study Knowledge Builders' - with free access for members! Our 'short and punchy' e-Learning style self-study knowledge builders will last around 15 minutes and give you some key facts and 'need to knows' about a specific subject area.



Air Source Heat Pumps



Central Heating Power Flushing



Vented and Unvented Hot Water Cylinders

[Visit the website to find out more.](#)

Exclusive benefit reminder

Network members are entitled to use our EXCLUSIVE member benefits:

- Self-assessment checklist
- Legislation Tracker and KPI Scorecard
- 'Big 6' Policy and Procedure 'Sense Check'

To find out more, [visit the website](#) or email network@scotlandsafetynetwork.scot



Updates to the document library...

We regularly update the online document library and have recently moved things around a bit to try and make it a little easier to navigate.

Recent additions include a new batch of Gas Safe Technical Bulletins and our RAAC E-bulletin.

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

Some content requires you to be logged in to view.

Spotlight on training

All Network members are entitled to 10% discount on Housing H&S Compliance UK Ltd training courses.



IOSH Leading Safely®

'Live online' public course

20th February 2024

Click the banner for more info and to book places...



This IOSH Leading Safely course is designed for the top people with an eye on valuable business benefits. Safety and health is not just a legal requirement, it's integral in many of today's successful companies. It brings huge benefits for reputation, productivity and results.

Leading Safely will sharpen the skill set of individuals to make them a more effective leader, giving their organisation the expertise it needs to succeed.

IOSH has designed the course in conjunction with business leaders to deliver content that will add value to individuals and their organisation.

The session, delivered over four hours, has been tailored to include content that is relevant to the social housing sector, making it ideal for directors, executive teams and board members. Leading Safely gives anyone with leadership responsibility the practical knowledge and the strategic solutions for sustainable business advantage through good safety and health practice.

[Find out more and book places here.](#) - *Last chance to book*

Asbestos: Survey Specification and Understanding Reports (BOHS Endorsed)

Face to face course - Glasgow area

29th February 2024

Click the banner for more info and to book places...



Do you really know the reasons for asbestos surveys/inspections and understand the legislative requirements in accordance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012?

If the answer is 'no' then join us for this BOHS Endorsed one-day course taking place in Glasgow (the only such course available).

This course is truly bespoke to organisations operating in the social housing sector.

[Find out more and book places here.](#)

And there are more upcoming training courses...

BOHS Endorsed - Asbestos: Condition Inspection & Risk Assessment Training **1st March 2024 - Glasgow ** Exclusive to Housing H&S Compliance UK Ltd****

This 'bespoke' one day course has been specifically designed and developed to provide delegates with an understanding of how to carry out asbestos condition inspections and complete a risk assessment utilising the MRA & PRA to calculate the overall risk.



For full course details, visit the website.

IATP Approved Asbestos Awareness PLUS option to add 'Duty to Manage' **6th March 2024 - Glasgow**

The morning **IATP Approved Asbestos Awareness session** has been designed to be split into three 'toolbox' sessions so it's easy for delegates to digest the information. The course follows the overall IATP syllabus and we have been approved to deliver the training in this way.

Our afternoon **IATP Approved Duty to Manage** session would allow you to extend your asbestos knowledge to include a basic understanding of the legislative requirements of CAR 2012 with particular reference to the Duty Holder and who that can be, the surveys available, what to expect in a survey and the asbestos management plan and its use.

For full course details, visit the website.

IOSH Working Safely® in Social Housing **7th March 2024 - Glasgow**

The specialists at Housing H&S Compliance UK Ltd used their 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, whether you are a housing officer, trades operative or office-based member of the team, the training is aimed at those at any level who need a grounding in the essentials of safety and health.

For full course details, visit the website.

IOSH Managing Safely® in Social Housing (three-day course) **17th, 24th April & 1st May 2024 | 4th, 11th & 18th September 2024 - Live Online**

This jam-packed training will provide an understanding of everyone's safety and health responsibilities in the workplace and will enable managers and supervisors to recognise how they can influence, control and monitor risk to improve safety and health issues in the workplace.

Click [here](#) for the April/May course and [here](#) for the September course.