



The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland MEMBER ROUND-UP

Regulator confirmed as keynote speaker! Annual Conference 2024

Thank you so much to those who have already booked their place on this year's The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland Annual Conference 2024.

We are delighted to share that our day one keynote speaker will again be the Scottish Housing Regulator!

The rest of the programme for both days will be announced soon - we've been working away in the background, ensuring both days are jam-packed with useful sessions that include a mixture of awareness raising and case studies from colleagues in the sector.

PLUS don't forget our amazing early bird special offer!



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: FREE STADIUM TOUR

Have you ever wanted to do a stadium tour and museum visit at the Scottish national stadium?...well now is your chance!

The Scottish Football Museum at Hampden will take you on a football journey, the likes of which you have never been on before.

You will be able to go pitch-side, through the tunnels and sit in the changing rooms before heading to the Museum which showcases thousands of objects on display, tracing the history of football in Scotland and there is film footage highlighting some of the most memorable games and great players.

We have arranged a private tour at the end of each day of the conference; there are a limited number of spaces available on each day, so it's first come, first served!

For more details on the conference and the early bird special, and to book your place, [please visit the website](#).

E-bulletin: Updated gas technical standards



There have been updates to two gas safety technical standards made in June 2024 which are relevant to landlords and providers of social housing, which are now in place:

1. Gas Safe technical bulletin 055 (TB055) – Duties of a landlord has been revised and republished on 24 June 2024 and the previous version has now been withdrawn.
2. IGEM/G/11 Edition 2 – Gas industry unsafe situations procedure (GIUSP) with amendments July 2022 and June 2024 and the previous version has now been withdrawn.

Network co-founder Ryan Hodgson has put together a handy e-bulletin summarising the changes. [You can read the e-bulletin here.](#)

Online library updates

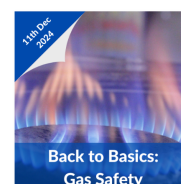
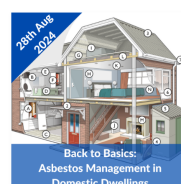
We regularly update and add to the online library and always welcome member feedback on what else you'd like to see added.

You can [visit the library here](#) (some content requires you to be logged in).

'Back to Basics' webinar series

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...

These are free to members, and non-members are welcome to join us for a fee. Find out more [on our events page](#).



SFRS see reduction of false alarm call outs

It's one year since Scottish Fire & Rescue Service changed how they respond to automatic fire alarm (AFA) signals at commercial buildings.

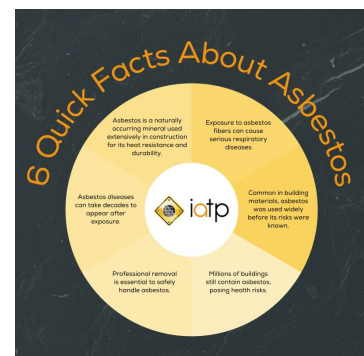
New figures show that they have reduced false alarm attendances by an average of 52 every day since last summer - dramatically reducing the number of unnecessary callouts.

This has freed up firefighters to respond to genuine emergencies, undertake vital community safety work, and upskill in training. [You can read more here.](#)

6 quick facts about asbestos

Did you know these key facts about asbestos which have been shared by IATP (Independent Asbestos Training Providers)?

- Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral used extensively in construction for its heat resistance and durability.
- Exposure to asbestos fibers can cause serious respiratory diseases.
- Common in building materials, asbestos was used widely before its risks were known.
- Millions of buildings still contain asbestos, posing health risks.
- Professional removal is essential to safely handle asbestos.
- Asbestos diseases can take decades to appear after exposure.



ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT IN SOCIAL HOUSING: THE PRACTICAL APPROACH

8th October 2024 | The Merchants House of Glasgow



We're delighted to bring you this Network event which will see one of the Network co-founders, **Matt Dawes**, spending a whole day talking about the key topic of asbestos management. We've put together a great programme for you with plenty of opportunity for discussion for what will be an interactive, info-filled day – we invite attendees to submit any questions they have ahead of the day or bring the questions with them, so that we can generate discussion and share practice and ideas amongst the group.

[Visit the website](#) for more information and to book places.

Upcoming training from HHSC

We are pleased to share a selection of upcoming training from Housing H&S Compliance UK Ltd & HHSC Learning.

As always, every training course from HHSC has a discounted rate for members of The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland



All of the training courses, delivered by subject-specialist practitioners, have been developed specifically for those colleagues operating in the social housing sector and include information that is relevant to the day to day work of many different job roles, including officers, managers, leaders and board members.

[You can see the full calendar here.](#)

IFSM Accredited Understanding Fire Doors and Carrying Out Inspections (Scotland)

Face-to-face course - Glasgow

28th August 2024

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



Understanding the requirements and carrying out inspections of fire doors in residential buildings

Our one day course combines all of the latest legislation and government guidance, together with the underpinning knowledge and crucially, an inspection methodology to provide landlords within the skillsets (in-house) to undertake the correct level of inspections in accordance with their legal requirements and associated responsibilities to the life safety of tenants and residents. [You can find out more here.](#)

IOSH training

We also have upcoming dates for our three, popular, IOSH approved courses:

- [IOSH Managing Safely® in Social Housing](#) - 4th, 11th & 18th Sept 2024
- [IOSH Working Safely® in Social Housing](#) - 9th October 2024
- [IOSH Leading Safely®](#) - 21st October 2024

(Click the titles for more information).