



The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

Our Summer 2024 newsletter 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.

SHR publishes findings from its thematic review of social landlords' Annual Assurance Statements

The Scottish Housing Regulator has published the findings from its thematic review of how social landlords assure themselves about their compliance with regulatory requirements, and how this helps them to inform their Annual Assurance Statements.

All social landlords are required to submit an Annual Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator by the end of October each year about their compliance with regulatory requirements.

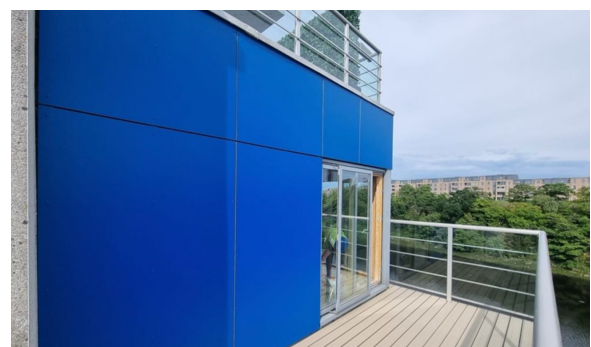
The Regulator visited 13 landlords to explore how they assured themselves they complied with regulatory requirements and their approach to preparing the Statement.

You can read more on the [SHR website here](#), and read [our e-bulletin](#) which pulls together a summary of key information with a focus on tenant and resident safety.

Cladding remediation works completed on Aberdeen high rise

Aurora Apartments, a nine-storey building in Aberdeen, has completed its remediation work to remove dangerous cladding as part of a pilot scheme set up by the Scottish government following the Grenfell Tower fire in 2017.

[You can read more here.](#)



Network events

For full details of all scheduled events, visit the [events page of the website](#).

Asbestos Management in Social Housing: The Practical Approach

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.

[Read more here](#).



Annual Conference 2024: Bookings open!

Following the success of last year's inaugural Social Housing Safety Network Scotland tenant and resident safety annual conference, we are delighted to introduce details of the 2024 conference; packed full of useful sessions that include a mixture of awareness raising and case studies from colleagues in the sector, we're sure there will be something for everyone.

In case you missed in, we recently announced the Scottish Housing Regulator as our day one keynote speaker!

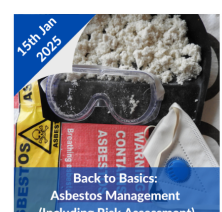
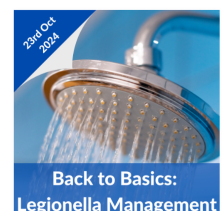
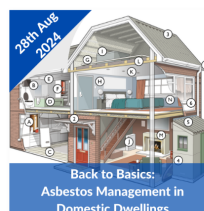
We also still have places left on our early bird offer...

[Read more here](#).

FREE webinars

Our back to basics webinar series take a look at a specific safety-related subject and tell you what you should be doing to comply with the Regulations and standards. We run each webinar regularly and update the content where necessary.

[Read more here](#).





Welcome to our new members!

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

Partick Housing Association

Glasgow West Housing Association

Pineview Housing Association

Cloch Housing Association

West Highland Housing Association

Cairn Housing Association

Hawthorn Housing Co-operative

Argyll Community Housing Association

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Govan Housing Association

Ayrshire Housing Association

Wellhouse Housing Association

Barrhead Housing Association

New Gorbals Housing Association

Cassiltoun Housing Association

Electrical bicycles - property risk management

Aviva have launched a loss prevention standard for anyone responsible for buildings where e-bikes may be stored.

The standard outlines the main risk exposures in the handling, charging and storage of e-bikes and provides general guidance to help reduce the potential for significant loss and impacts to business trading.

We've added the document to the electrical safety section of the [online library](#).

Fire crews see reduction of 52 false alarm call outs every day

It's one year since SFRS 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.

[Read more here.](#)



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.

Some of the new additions to the library include:

- [Tenant safety information section](#)
- [More Gas Safe technical bulletins](#)
- [More damp and mould documents](#)
- [E-bulletins on topics including updated gas technical standards, damp and mould and asbestos training](#)

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

Some content requires you to be logged in to view.

Exclusive benefit reminder

Remember, Network members are entitled to use our EXCLUSIVE member benefits:

- Self-assessment Checklists
- Legislation Tracker and KPI Scorecard
- 'Big 6' Policy and Procedure 'Sense Check'
- **NEW!** Training Matrix Template - Tenant/Landlord Safety

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



Spotlight on HHSC training

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

Upcoming public training dates

[Click the banners for more information](#)

Last chance to book!

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. Note: this course has been developed specifically for the social housing sector and is only available to those employees who work within 'not for profit' social housing providers in Scotland.

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.

IOSH Managing Safely® in Social Housing

'Live online' public course

4th, 11th & 18th September 2024

[Click the banner for more info and to book places...](#)

**Are you
Managing
Safely®?**

If not, then it's time to begin to get the answers you need when it comes to health and safety, ask the right questions. Ask for Managing Safely®.

Ask for IOSH.



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. They have been licensed by IOSH and have been delivering courses virtually and face to face consistently over the last three years or so.

The full training calendar [can be found here](#). Here's just a small selection of what's coming up...

Lift Safety Management – 3rd September 2024 – Live online

This information filled training session will provide those social housing colleagues who are responsible for the delivery of a lift servicing and maintenance provision, including passenger lifts, hoists, step-lifts, through-floor, lifts, platform lifts and stairlifts with all of the information that they need to not only understand legislative standards and guidance, but also ensure the delivery of their provision aligns with best practice requirements of the Health & Safety Executive (HSE).

[For full course details, visit the website.](#)

Gas Safety Awareness – 11th September 2024 – Live online

This half-day information filled training session is aimed at colleagues operating within the social housing sector at any level, including customer contact staff, maintenance and property colleagues and anyone who requires a good level of non-technical awareness training.

Covering all aspects from the hazards and risks associated with gas burning appliances, legislation including Gas Safe registration and access requirements, this session provides sufficient information to give colleagues the confidence to identify and act upon situations that they may encounter when talking to tenants on the telephone or visiting customers in their home.

[For full course details, visit the website.](#)

CDM – Overview Training for Stakeholders (All Duty Holders) 19th September 2024 – Live online

This informative training course provides a detailed overview of the requirements of the CDM 2015 Regulations including the scope and application as well as setting out the specific duties of clients and other duty holder in relation to construction projects.



**CDM
Regulations
2015**

Clear information to define the health and safety requirements for construction sites, including key documentation and notification requirements, provides delegates with a good overview of the application of construction, design and management in accordance with the Regulations.

[For full courses details, visit the website.](#)

Full training calendar

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