



The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland MEMBER ROUND-UP

Our monthly member round-ups are a reminder of everything that's been going on this month - from news stories to member events and webinars.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT IN SOCIAL HOUSING: THE PRACTICAL APPROACH

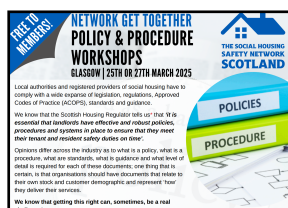
9th April 2025 | The Studio, Glasgow



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.

This is one of our 'paid for' events; they're available to both members and non-members, but members of the Social Housing Safety Network Scotland are entitled to discounted places (£179 + VAT each).

[Visit the website for more information and the booking form.](#)



Final places remaining! **FREE** Network Get Together: Policy and Procedure Workshops

Come and join two of the Network Co-founders, Vicki and Ryan, (who have been auditing and supporting providers to develop their policies and procedures for nearly two decades), for this interactive workshop.

The workshop will look at what a policy is, what should be contained in there and how supporting procedures should set out how policy requirements will be delivered to comply with legislative and regulatory requirements as well as reflecting British Standards and sector specific requirements.

[You can find out more here.](#)

How to buy, charge, dispose and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely

Rechargeable batteries are found in lots of household items such as mobile phones, laptops, e-bikes and e-scooters.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have shared some useful information about lithium-ion batteries, including how to spot the signs of a damaged battery, and how to safely charge and store batteries.



[Read more here.](#)

Urgent warning after London homes gutted and two dogs killed less than 24 hours apart in e-bike and e-scooter fires

Two devastating fires involving an e-bike and e-scooter, less than 24 hours apart, have left homes gutted and tragically killed two dogs.

On Monday 3rd February, a charging e-scooter sparked a fire in West Hampstead, London. The fire spread quickly, destroying the ground floor and stairs, with eight fire engines and around 60 firefighters dispatched to put out the blaze. No people were hurt, but a dog sadly died at the scene.



Then overnight, the battery pack on a second-hand converted e-bike caught fire at a house in Feltham. Six fire engines and around 40 firefighters were sent to the scene, but the fire had already spread widely. Four people escaped the property, with two taken to hospital. Sadly, whilst two dogs were rescued from the blaze, a third died.

Both fires are believed to have been caused by the catastrophic failures of lithium batteries.

[You can read more here.](#)

Falls and their impact on social housing

Falls are the biggest cause of accidental injury in the home, resulting in a staggering 80% of hospital admissions for accidental injury to people aged 65 and over in the UK. Community-based studies suggest that one in three over-65s, and half of over-80s, will experience at least one fall every year.



accidents don't have to happen

RoSPA estimates 212,000 falls are suffered by older adults in England's housing association households every year. This is thought to be a very conservative figure based on single occupancy households and without consideration of the disproportionate impacts of deprivation and poor health outcomes felt by social renters.

Falls impose an immeasurable burden on society through physical and psychological harm. Between 5 and 20% of falls cause serious injuries - for example hip fractures or traumatic brain injuries. These often require expedited property adjustment, adaptation or relocation, placing a strain on housing services that is difficult to forecast and plan for.

Injuries, dampened confidence and lost independence can lead to property neglect and reliance on care and social support - all of which damage community cohesion. Some falls might trigger a negative spiral, leading to increased vulnerability, safeguarding issues, and further complexity to interactions between renter and their social landlord.

Based on a hugely successful pilot at Staffordshire-based housing association Trent & Dove, RoSPA has developed a toolkit aimed at reducing the impact of tenant falls in social housing. The model combines staff training, home safety checks and effective partnership working to address fall risks and facilitate a measurable reduction in number of falls suffered by participants.

[You can read more and download the toolkit here.](#)

Scotland's Housing Festival

A quick reminder that we are exhibiting at this year's CIH Scotland's Housing Festival being held this week (4th & 5th March) at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre.

If you're attending, please do stop by our stand (number 22) to say hello and grab some freebies!

[Find out more here.](#)



Dates for your diary

Next Legal Hour with Brodies LLP: 21st May 2025 (More details to follow)

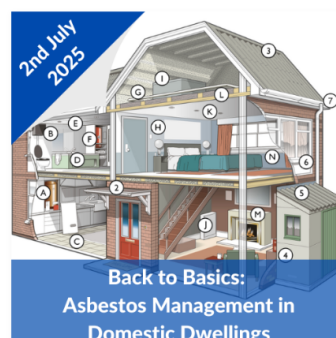
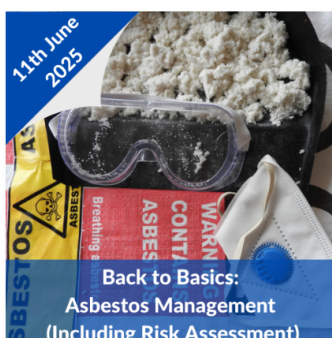
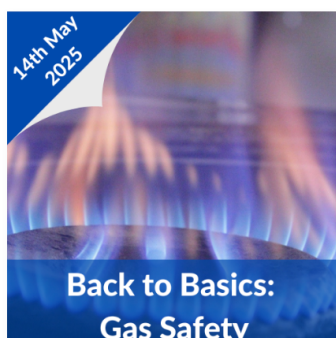
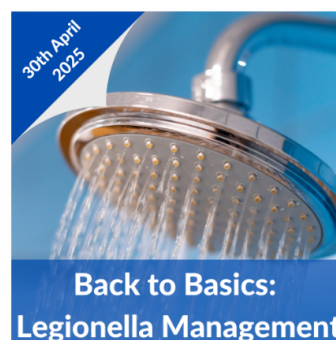
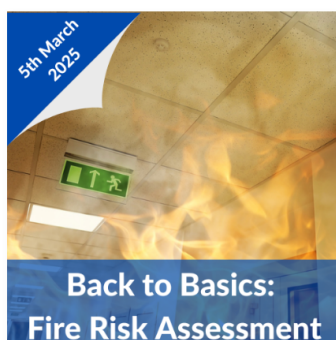
Annual conference 2025: 19th & 20th November 2025: [bookings now open!](#)
(More details to follow)



Free member webinars

Our 'Back to Basics' series of webinars 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](#).



Discounted training from HHSC

Members of the Social Housing Safety Network Scotland always get a discounted rate on all training run by Housing H&S Compliance UK Ltd (HHSC). To view all the upcoming training you can either [visit the website](#) or [download the brochure](#).

Here are just a few of the upcoming courses (click the banners for more information).

IOSH Leading Safely® 'Live online' public course 27th March 2025

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



IATP Approved Asbestos Awareness

'Live online' public course

28th March 2025

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



IATP Duty to Manage Asbestos

'Live online' public course

2nd April 2025

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



CDM 2015 Overview Training for Stakeholders (All Duty Holders)

'Live online' public course

10th April 2025

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



Lift Safety Management

'Live online' public course

30th April 2025

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



**Housing H&S
developed course**

IOSH Managing Safely® in Social Housing

'Live online' public course

30th April, 7th & 14th May 2025

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.



Highfield Awarding Body of Compliance (HABC) Level 2 Award in Legionella Awareness – Hot and Cold Water Systems (RQF)

'Live online' public course

12th May 2025

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



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

Face-to-face course - Glasgow

14th May 2025

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CDM for Clients

'Live online' public course

20th May 2025

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