



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.

Policy and Procedure Workshops - Thanks for joining us!

Network co-founders Vicki and Ryan were in a beautifully sunny Glasgow last week delivering two 'Policy & Procedure Workshops' for colleagues from our Member organisations.

These informative sessions covered the importance of getting your policies and procedures right, what you should include and why it's important that they are developed to reflect your own individual organisation.

Interaction and participation from housing association and local authority colleagues was fantastic and there was much discussion.

We really appreciated the feedback which told us that it was well received:

'I really enjoyed what turned out to be a very informative session from Ryan! I'd highly recommend this session for anyone responsible for creating and implementing policies and procedures in relation to tenant and resident safety'

'The session gave me a clearer understanding of where policy and procedures separate - great knowledge of subject from Ryan and Vicki'

'Excellent session, comprehensive yet succinct with key components covered in both policy and procedure'



Last chance to book! Bookings close 2.4.25

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT IN SOCIAL HOUSING: THE PRACTICAL APPROACH

9th April 2025 | The Studio, Glasgow



As asbestos was so commonly used in social housing, it is crucial that social housing providers understand their duty around managing asbestos. We're delighted to bring you this Network event which takes place on 9th April and will see Matt Dawes spending a whole day talking about this key topic. We've put together a great programme for you with plenty of opportunity for discussion for what will be an interactive, info-filled day.

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.](#)

'Asbestos is not a problem of the past'

Despite being banned in the UK 25 years ago, asbestos is still responsible for approximately 5,000 deaths in Great Britain each year, with symptoms typically taking decades to occur following exposure.

Asbestos can be present in any building built or refurbished before 2000, including social housing stock, and common materials containing it include pipework and lagging, insulation materials, roofing and textured coatings (such as ceilings) and even some floor tiles. These materials become dangerous when disturbed or damaged.

For those responsible for non-domestic premises, including offices, community centres and public buildings, as well as common areas of blocks of flats, some garage and lock-up sites and lift shafts, there is a legal duty to manage asbestos - you can read more on the [HSE website here](#) and you can download the 'Asbestos & You' quick guide for trades, [here](#).

The 'Asbestos - Your Duty' campaign also provides a [range of resources](#) to support dutyholders, including videos and template.



Membership distribution list

We've been contacting all member organisations to ensure our mailing list is up to date. If you haven't already, please feel free to let us know if you have any colleagues who would like to be added to this mailing list. There's no limit to the number of people from each member organisation who can be added.

Awaab's Law to come to Scotland

Social housing residents in Scotland will be given greater protection against issues of disrepair in their homes such as damp and mould through the introduction of Awaab's Law.

The Scottish Government intends to introduce amendments to the Housing (Scotland) Bill that will broaden Ministers' powers to impose timeframes on social landlords to investigate disrepair and start repairs, through regulation, following engagement with the sector.

[You can read more here.](#)

Housing Regulator writes to social Landlords with advice on preparing their next Annual Assurance Statement

Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) has written to all social landlords to provide advice on preparation of their next Annual Assurance Statement which is due to be submitted to SHR by 31 October 2025.

February 2024 SHR guidance explained that SHR may ask landlords to provide specific assurance on a particular issue in the Annual Assurance Statement. This year, SHR have decided to continue with their request that landlords provide specific assurance on their compliance with relevant obligations in relation to tenant and resident safety.

You will be required to confirm whether you meet all duties in relation to tenant and resident safety, and in particular that you have obtained appropriate assurance about your compliance with all relevant safety requirements including gas safety, electrical safety, water safety, fire safety, asbestos, damp & mould and lift safety.

[Read the letter here.](#)

Exclusive member benefit: Tenant & Resident Safety Self-Assessment

An exclusive member benefit available to members is our Tenant & Resident Safety Self-Assessment, which covers all tenant and resident safety workstreams.

We can provide you with a copy to complete and populate with your current position; As part of this exclusive benefit, one of our specialist practitioners can also carry out a confidential review of the completed assessment and follow this up with a virtual feedback session lasting up to one hour.

For more information, [visit the website.](#)



Dates for your diary

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

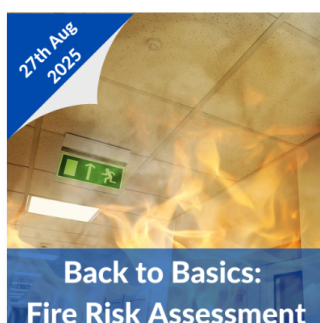
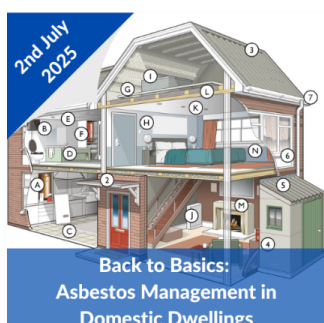
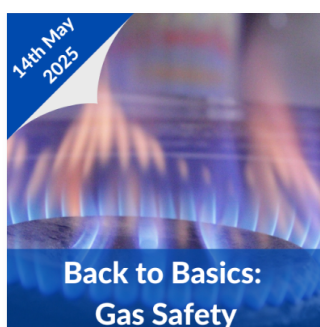
Annual conference 2025: 19th & 20th November 2025: [bookings now open!](#)
(More details to follow)



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).

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...



**CDM
Regulations
2015**

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

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



CDM for Clients

'Live online' public course

20th May 2025

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**CDM
Regulations
2015**

Introduction to the Legionella Responsible Person

'Live online' public course

29th May 2025

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**Housing H&S
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Gas Safety Awareness

'Live online' public course

4th June 2025

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**Housing H&S
developed course**

Managing Your Electrical Testing Programme and Understanding Documentation

'Live online' public course

12th June 2025

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