



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.

FREE! Legal Hour with Brodies LLP - 21st May, Live online



The Scottish Government has announced its intention to introduce amendments to the Housing (Scotland) Bill ("the Bill") which will empower ministers to make appropriate regulations to extend Awaab's Law to Scotland. Awaab's Law is named after two-year old Awaab Ishak who died in 2020 following prolonged exposure to damp and mould in his home.

Join us for the next 'Legal Hour' with Amy Anderson from Brodies LLP to find out more about what your obligations will be with the introduction of Awaab's Law and how this could impact your organisation.

More details can be found on the [session flyer](#). For any queries or to book a place, just email events@scotlandsafetynetwork.scot

FREE! Network Get Together: Fire Risk Assessment Masterclass | 24th June, Glasgow

Back by popular demand, this 'Masterclass' session has been designed to support social housing providers to understand their responsibilities around fire risk assessment and will share a raft of useful information to help providers choose assessors that are competent and understand the contents of the resultant report.

The session will also include a desktop practical exercise which gives delegates the opportunity to review some fire risk assessment reports.

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The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland turns two!

Earlier this month we turned two!

We're incredibly proud of what we've achieved over the past two years – from membership growth, to adding new member benefits, giving away free and discounted places on webinars, events and training, networking and much more!

We've put together a snapshot of how the Network has grown, [which can be found here](#).

As well as celebrating our second birthday this month, we also celebrated surpassing 60 member organisations! We'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our Network members - without you all, we simply wouldn't exist!



SHR publishes outcome of its annual risk assessment of social landlords

On 31st March 2025 the SHR published updated engagement plans for all registered social landlords (RSLs) and local authorities as well as a summary report which shows that the majority of RSLs comply with the Regulatory Standards.

The summary report also sets out the main risks and strategic challenges facing social landlords and tenants including underlining the importance of landlords meeting the Scottish Housing Quality Standard and statutory requirements on tenant and resident safety.

[In this briefing note](#) we highlight the key outcomes relating to tenant and resident safety. You can read the [full publication here](#).

SHR updated Charter Technical Guidance for social landlords

SHR have updated the 2025/26 Charter Technical Guidance for social landlords completing their Annual Return on the Scottish Social Housing Charter (ARC). This guidance applies from 1 April 2025.

The Technical Guidance for the 2024/25 ARC – which landlords will submit by 31 May 2025 – remains unchanged.

[Read more and download the guidance.](#)

Scotland's cladding remediation launched

The Scottish Government's cladding remediation programme is open for applications, with £10m of funding available until Sept 2025.

This allows responsible parties, including factors and property owners, to apply for assessments and begin the process of addressing potentially unsafe cladding on buildings over 11 meters.

The new plan of action sets out how the government will work with partners to increase the pace and breadth of action on cladding remediation in Scotland.



Global Asbestos Awareness Week

Global Asbestos Awareness Week took place this month, during 1st - 7th April. 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](#). 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 templates.

Product safety alerts, reports and recalls

Information on products that present a risk to health and safety is provided by the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) and [available here](#). You can search the list and also subscribe to email updates for new products added.

The Butterfly Bursary for Women in Tenant Safety Scotland (WiTSS)

We are delighted to introduce the 'Butterfly Bursary', a training and development fund which has been established to offer FREE training places on courses delivered by HHSC Learning, to members of Women in Tenant Safety Scotland (WiTSS).



The Butterfly Bursary has been established and will be an integral part of WiTSS' ongoing commitment to supporting women working in tenant and resident safety in social housing in Scotland and aims to provide training and learning opportunities to members to enhance their knowledge in a range of safety subjects.

To find out more, please [visit the website](#).

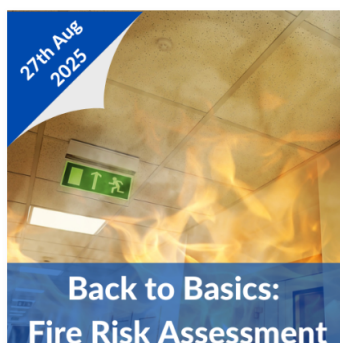
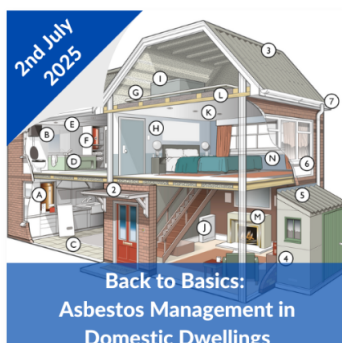
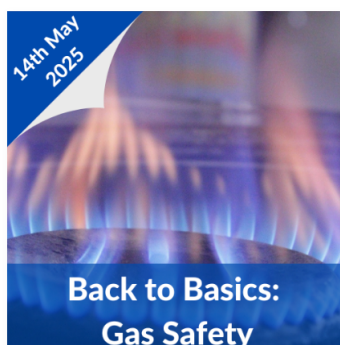
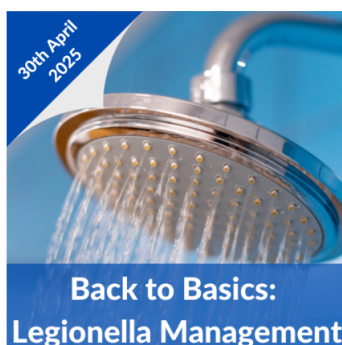
To find out more about WiTSS, please [visit the website here](#).

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

Shining a Light on Tenant & Resident Safety in Scotland

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](#).

Training spotlight

We've chosen one virtual course and one face to face course (taking place in Glasgow) to tell you a bit more about...

HABC Level 2 Award in Legionella Awareness - Hot and Cold Water Systems - 12th May, Live online

This HABC accredited qualification has been designed to prepare delegates for understanding the health risks associated with legionella bacteria within hot and cold water systems and is aimed at individuals who work in environments where legionella growth is a risk.

It aims to raise awareness in how to prevent waterborne disease caused by legionella bacteria, however, our course looks specifically at the risks associated with hot and cold water systems with real examples from the social housing sector.

Assessment

This qualification is assessed by learner workbook which requires learners to provide a short response to prescribed questions within a workbook set by Highfield Qualifications. Successful learners will have to demonstrate knowledge and understanding across the breadth of the qualification syllabus.

[You can read more and book places here.](#)

IFSM Accredited Understanding Fire Doors and Carrying Out Inspections (Scotland) - 14th May, Glasgow

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.

[You can read more and book places here.](#)

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

CDM for Clients

'Live online' public course

20th May 2025

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



**CDM
Regulations
2015**

Introduction to the Legionella Responsible Person

'Live online' public course

29th May 2025

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**Housing H&S
developed course**

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

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



**Housing H&S
developed course**

Condensation, Damp and Mould: Causes & Cures (Technical Officers)

'Live online' public course

18th June 2025

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

