



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 upcoming member Get Togethers!



The Fundamentals of Pressure Systems in Social Housing (Live online - 20th August)

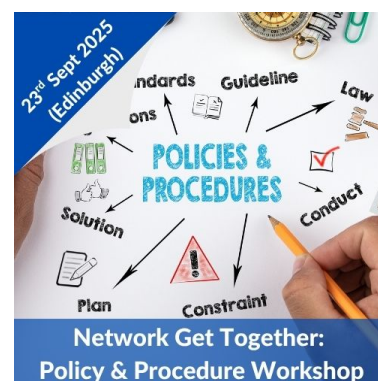
In the context of the Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000 (PSSR) and UK legislation, a pressure system is defined as a system comprising of one or more pressure vessels of rigid construction, along with any associated pipework and protective devices.

Social housing providers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of their tenants; this includes the safe management of pressure systems within their properties.

Join us for this FREE 'live online' session which looks at the duties of pressure systems operators in social housing settings (where systems include boilers and hot water systems, heating systems and pressurised water tanks). [Download the flyer here](#) and email events@scotlandsafetynetwork.scot to book your place.

Policy & Procedure Workshops (Edinburgh - 23rd September & Glasgow - 24th September)

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. [Download the flyer here](#) and email events@scotlandsafetynetwork.scot to book your place.

RoSPA Routine Playground Visual Inspection Course - 7th October 2025

This training was recently run for a group of Network members and, following the success of the day and requests for us to hold another date, we are planning a second day for 7th October (with the option to earn a qualification).

Please see the flyer for full course details and costs; email training@housingcompliance.co.uk if you would like to book your place or require further information. Please note that the course will go ahead subject to sufficient numbers.



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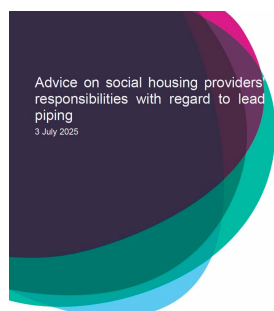
Shining a Light on Tenant & Resident Safety in Scotland

Social Housing Safety Network Scotland Annual Conference 2025
Hampden Park - 19th & 20th November 2025

We are still in the process of finalising this year's conference, but we're pleased to **share the initial programme!** (We'd love you to take a look but please remember we are still finalising the sessions).

We've also managed to keep prices the same as last year for early bookers! You can **find out more and book your place here.**

Advice on social housing providers' responsibilities with regard to lead piping



We recently had a question from a Network member about social housing providers' responsibilities around lead piping - and Brodies LLP have kindly put together an advice note in response.

If you're on our member mailing list this should be in your inbox - you can also download this (and other briefing notes and expert insights) **on the website** (Login details required).



National Panel of Tenants and Service Users 2024 to 2025

This report sets out findings from the 2024/25 programme of engagement with the National Panel of Tenants and Service Users, commissioned by the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR).

The Panel was established in 2013 as a way for the Scottish Housing Regulator to engage with tenants and other users of social landlord services. The Panel is used to gauge service user priorities and experiences, and findings help to shape SHR's focus as regulator of social landlords. Members include social tenants, people who have used homelessness services, residents of social rented Gypsy/Traveller sites and owners using social landlord factoring services.

[Read the report here.](#)

Regulator's National Panel gives insight into tenants' views and experiences of damp and mould

More than four fifths of members who took part in the survey feel they would know how to report damp or mould concerns to their landlord. Around half had received information from their landlord about reporting damp and mould, and just over a quarter had reported a damp and mould issue previously.

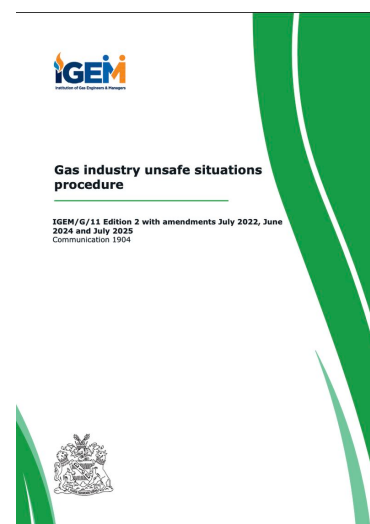
This research comes after the Regulator increased its focus on social landlords' responses to reports of damp and mould. From this year, its Annual Return on the Charter includes a new requirement for all social landlords to provide information on the length of time to resolve cases of damp and mould and the scale of open / re-opened cases. [Read more here.](#)

Gas industry unsafe situations procedure (Updated July 2025)

This Procedure supersedes 2nd Edition of IGEM/G/11 with amendments July 2022 and June 2024 The Gas Industry Unsafe Situations Procedure (GIUSP), which is obsolete.

This Procedure is for use by Gas Safe registered businesses/engineers when dealing with unsafe situations in domestic and non-domestic premises supplied with Natural Gas, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Hydrogen as defined in the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998.

We have added the updated version to the [gas safety section of the online library](#)



Latest annual work-related fatalities published by HSE

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has recently published its latest annual fatality statistics, covering the period from April 2024 to March 2025.

Latest annual figures show 124 workers were killed in work-related incidents in Great Britain. The number of deaths remain broadly in line with pre-pandemic levels, and compares to 223 in 2004/05 and 495 in 1981.

The most common cause of fatal injuries continues to be falls from a height (35), representing over a quarter of worker deaths in 2024/25.

A further 92 people who were not at work were killed in work-related incidents in 2024/25. This refers to members of the public who were in a workplace but were not working themselves.

The figures relate to work-related accidents and do not include deaths arising from occupational diseases or diseases arising from certain occupational exposures.

[Read more here.](#)

Potential hazard involving fire blankets used for electrical vehicle fire suppression efforts with battery involvement

Experiments conducted by NFPA and FSRI have demonstrated a potential explosion hazard when fire blankets are used during electric vehicle (EV) fire suppression efforts when there is battery involvement. When flaming is eliminated by the fire blanket, the ongoing accumulation of flammable gases released by continued thermal runaway in the battery pack presents a potential explosion risk. The experiments reinforce the need for continued research on EV firefighting tactics. Read the [NFPA statement](#) and [FSRI statement](#).

Gas Safety Week

If you are planning to support Gas Safety Week this year and are in need of fresh ideas and content - you might be interested to know that the toolkit is now available to download!

Gas Safety Week 2025, co-ordinated by Gas Safe Register, will take place from September 8th to 14th.

[You can access the toolkit here.](#)



Butterfly Bursary

Earlier this year we were delighted to introduce the 'Butterfly Bursary', a training and development fund which has been established to offer FREE training places on courses delivered by Housing H&S Compliance UK Ltd & HHSC Learning to members of Women in Tenant Safety Scotland (WiTSS). You can find out more about WiTSS [here](#).

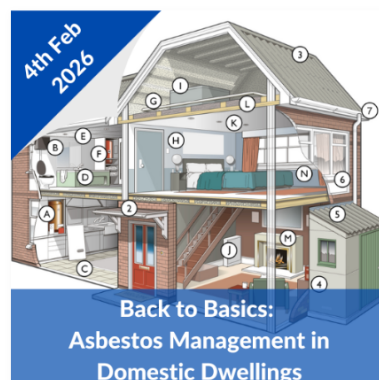
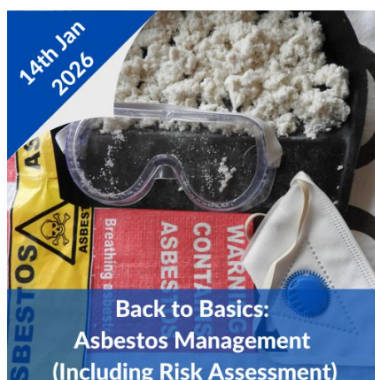
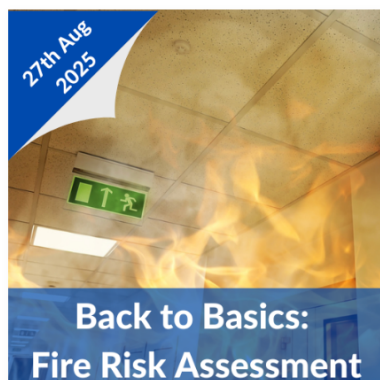


The first free training places as part of the Butterfly Bursary were allocated earlier this year; we initially offered one free place on our popular IOSH Approved Managing Safely in Social Housing course and were inundated with applications. Due to the level of interest, we decided to give away three places! [You can read here](#) what the three ladies who were awarded the training places said about why they applied and what they got from the course.

We are pleased to announce there are now some further training course places available through the Butterfly Bursary - WiTSS members [can apply here](#).

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 more of the upcoming courses (click the banners for more information)...

Gas Safety Awareness

'Live online' public course

10th September 2025

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



**Housing H&S
developed course**

IOSH Leading Safely®

'Live online' public course

11th September 2025

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



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

'Live online' public course

16th September 2025

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



Lift Safety Management

'Live online' public course

17th September 2025

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



**Housing H&S
developed course**