



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.

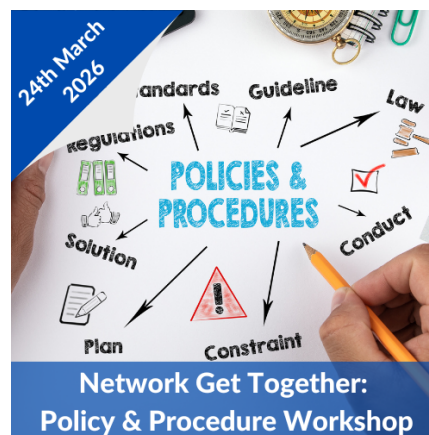
Upcoming FREE Network Get Togethers...

These are interactive discussions which give members the opportunity to meet up and discuss a chosen topic, this can be virtually or in person and the sessions are facilitated by The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland.

These sessions are FREE to attend and only available to Network members. Here's what we've got coming up...

Policy & Procedure Workshop 24th March, Glasgow

Local authorities and registered providers of social housing have to comply with a wide expanse of legislation, regulations, Approved Codes of Practice (ACOPS), standards and guidance. Opinions differ across the industry as to what is a policy, what is a procedure, what are standards, what is guidance and what level of detail is required for each of these documents; one thing that is certain, is that organisations should have documents that relate to their own stock and customer demographic and represent 'how' they deliver their services.



We know that getting this right can, sometimes, be a real challenge!

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](#) and email events@scotlandsafetynetwork.scot to book a free place.

NEW! Ventilation in Social Housing

7th May, Live online



In the evolving landscape of UK building regulations and tenant health standards, effective ventilation is no longer just about comfort - it is a critical compliance and safety requirement. Social housing providers have a fundamental responsibility to ensure adequate indoor air quality to protect both the building fabric and the wellbeing of their tenants.

This session provides an essential deep dive into the management of ventilation systems within social housing settings. We will explore how to mitigate risks such as damp, mould, and poor air quality through robust maintenance and strategic oversight.

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Fire Risk Assessment Masterclass

4th June, Glasgow

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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For all free member events, each member organisation has a set number of free places, based on their organisation size/membership level. If you're not sure what your free place allowance is, please get in touch.

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How to locate RAAC and what to do about it

Although the limited life expectancy and potential for defects of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete have been known for some time, recent safety concerns have prompted a change of approach

RICS have shared this useful page about how to locate RAAC and what to do about it.



[Read more here.](#)

Fire safety: Solar photovoltaic panels on roofs

A literature review that examines the fire safety implications of installing photovoltaic (PV) systems, reviewing experimental evidence, incident data and existing regulatory approaches.

Researchers investigated how PV systems installed on roofs influence fire dynamics, introduce additional risks for roof constructions and affect firefighting operations.

The project aimed to identify gaps in current guidance to understand how PV system design and installation affect fire spread.

[Read more here.](#)

Surrey-based housing association fined over fatal fire



We recognise this is an English social housing provider; however, the learnings from this case are important to all providers and recognise the importance of addressing fire safety recommendations.

Mount Green Housing Association has been fined £120,000 after admitting fire safety breaches at an independent living scheme that led to the death of a vulnerable resident.

[Read the full story here.](#)

NEW tenant safety customised qualification

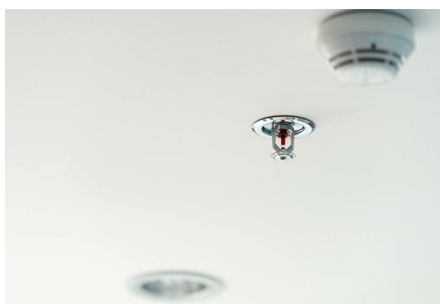
SCQF Level 7 Professional Certificate: Management of Tenant & Resident Safety in Social Housing (Scotland)

Over the last 18 months or so, the tenant safety specialists at Housing H&S Compliance UK Ltd & HHSC Learning have designed and developed a bespoke, customised qualification for colleagues already employed in the social housing sector in Scotland who wish to develop a specialist knowledge of the tenant safety requirements in different subject areas and gain a recognised qualification.



All the information you need to know can be found [on the HHSC website](#), including the different units, pricing options (including reduced Network member rates), and how to register your interest.

Scottish council to retrofit sprinklers in high-rise blocks



In a 'landmark decision', Fife Council has agreed to enhance fire safety across its high-rise housing stock by approving a plan to install retrofit water-based sprinkler systems in all flats, subject to successful evaluation.

[Read more here.](#)

Electrical Safety in Social Housing Sub-Group

The Electrical Safety in Social Housing Sub-Group has launched a tenant focused campaign that aims to educate and allow access for essential safety checks.

The ESR have developed a range of resources for social housing providers to use in educating their tenants on electrical safety.

[You can read more here.](#)

Safety starts at your door...

LET ME IN!

We must ensure that the electrical installation and electrical equipment we own in your property is safe.

When we visit to check the electrics in your property we may:

- Conduct a visual inspection of the electrics.
- Send a qualified, competent electrician, who may undertake a Periodic Inspection which will result in the creation of an EICR.
- Carry out any necessary repairs or remedial work.

Please allow up to 4 hours for checks to be completed adequately.

This image was created by the Electrical Safety Roundtable. Please contact your housing provider if you are concerned about the electrical installation in your property.

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...

NEW! Back to Basics: The Fundamentals of Pressure Systems in Social Housing - 17th June 2026

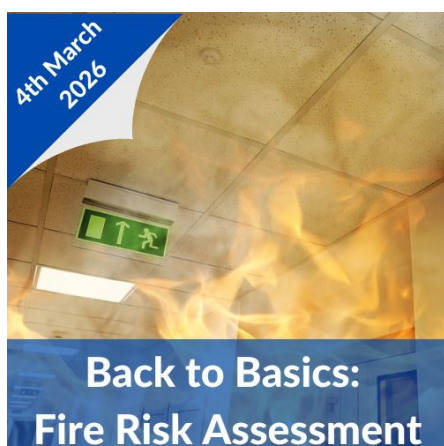
In the context of the Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000 (PSSR) and UK legislation, a pressure system is defined as a system comprising of one or more pressure vessels of rigid construction, along with any associated pipework and protective devices.

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



[Read more here.](#)

Last chance to book! Back to Basics: Fire Risk Assessment- 4th March 2026



This session has been designed to provide a great introductory overview of the responsibilities held by the landlord to ensure the safety of not only employees, but of tenants and residents too with regards to fire.

The session will focus specifically on fire risk assessments and the different types applicable to the social housing sector as well as the competence of assessors who conduct risk assessments.

[Read more here.](#)

For more information on these webinars, plus the rest of the upcoming member webinars and events, [visit the website](#).

Upcoming training from HHSC Learning

Here are some of the upcoming training courses from HHSC - as always, Network members can book all training at a discounted rate.

Click the banners below to find out more or click [here](#) for all upcoming courses.

Introduction to the Legionella Responsible Person

'Live online' public course

10th March 2026

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



Housing H&S developed course

Gas Safety Awareness

'Live online' public course

19th March 2026

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



Housing H&S developed course

Lift Safety Management

'Live online' public course

25th March 2026

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Housing H&S developed course

Managing Your Electrical Testing Programme and Understanding Documentation

'Live online' public course

26th March 2026

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Housing H&S developed course

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'Live online' public course

1st April 2026

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