



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.

Thank you!

Over the course of this past year lots of our member organisations have approached the end of their first and second year of membership and we are delighted that throughout 2025, 100% of our members have renewed their memberships.

We look forward to having you on board again!



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...



Awaab's Law - Are you ready? 2nd March, Live online

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. The law seeks to hold landlords accountable for addressing safety issues promptly and to safeguard tenants from the detrimental effects of substandard living conditions.

It will prescribe timescales for social landlords to investigate and carry out repair work for certain hazards that pose a significant risk of harm to the occupiers of the social property.

Join us with Amy Anderson from Brodies LLP to find out more about the new requirements on landlords and what they should do now to prepare. You can find out [more details here](#) and email events@scotlandsafetynetwork.scot to book a free place.

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.



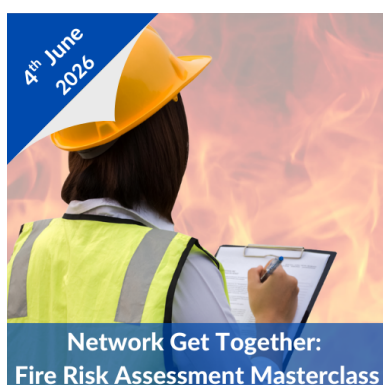
We know that getting this right can, sometimes, be a real challenge!

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.

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.

You can find out [more here](#) and email events@scotlandsafetynetwork.scot to book a free place.

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.

Regulations for Awaab's Law to be introduced in Scotland - introduction put back to October 2026

New regulations to protect tenants from damp and mould will be laid in the Scottish Parliament. The Investigation and Commencement of Repair (Scotland) Regulations 2026 will introduce new duties on landlords to investigate reports of damp and mould and start any repairs needed within a set timescale if approved by Parliament.

This is the first set of regulations for the implementation of Awaab's Law, named after two-year-old Awaab Ishak who died in 2020 from a respiratory condition caused by mould in his family's housing association flat in England.

[Here's the link to the draft legislation.](#)

Scottish Building Regulations: Fire Safety review and Compliance: Call for Evidence

The Scottish Government has launched a Call for Evidence to gather views from stakeholders on the review of building standards and fire safety guidance, and work related to the Compliance Plan Approach. This review forms a key part of the Government's response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry's final report and reinforces our commitment to ensuring the safety of people in and around Scotland's buildings.

The consultation is open until 10 April and invites responses on a wide range of issues. It seeks evidence on the effectiveness of current fire safety standards and guidance, as well as views on emerging risks and future challenges. It also asks for feedback on proposals to strengthen compliance with building standards.

The evidence gathered will help shape future strengthening of Scotland's building standards system and support work to enhance building safety.

[Read more here.](#)

Regulator publishes updated Charter Technical Guidance for social landlords

On 22nd January 20206, the Scottish Housing Regulator updated their Charter Technical Guidance for landlords completing their annual return on the Scottish Social Housing Charter.

You can find the new version, as well as a version with tracked changes to see the updates, [on their website.](#)

Office for Product Safety and Standards product recall



Costway BY213-BS021-C 2 Socket 1 USB and 1 USB-C Extension Lead sold via Amazon, eBay, The Range and B&Q Marketplace (2502-0012) presenting a high risk of fire as single insulated live wires were present, which can contact secondary parts of the USB PCB.

These should be sleeved or adequately restrained. Such contact increases the likelihood of electrical arcing or short circuits, which can lead to overheating and potentially cause a fire.

[Read more here.](#)

Glasgow City Council fined £80,000 after lamppost collapse left man with life-changing injuries

In 2023, a military veteran was struck by a collapsing lamppost in Glasgow's West End, sustaining multiple injuries. He spent seven weeks in hospital and continues to receive treatment.

HSE's investigation found the lamppost - manufactured in the 1950s or 1960s - was well over twice its expected service life. HSE Science Division used arm scanner technology to reveal the extent of the corrosion, with steel thickness reduced by at least 60%.

The column had been identified as 'poor condition' in 2022 but wasn't scheduled for replacement until 2024. Visual inspections failed to recognise the immediate collapse risk.



[Read more here.](#)

HAVE YOU
REGISTERED
YOUR NEW
ELECTRICAL
APPLIANCE?

Stay up-to-date with product recalls & safety notices.

A reminder from Electrical Safety First about registering electrical appliances...

One quick step can give you extra peace of mind... register your electrical appliances.

[Click here for guidance.](#)

Developer signs Scottish remediation contract

Persimmon Homes has become one of the first major housebuilders to sign Scotland's Developer Remediation Contract, confirming its commitment to fixing fire safety defects in its buildings.

On 31 October 2025, Scotland's Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Màiri McAllan, wrote to nine developers, inviting them to sign a contract committing them to fix unsafe buildings they developed.



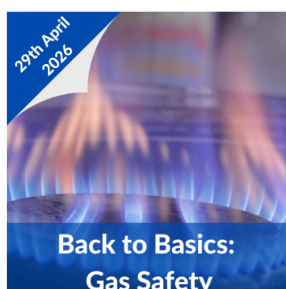
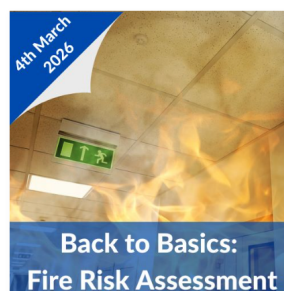
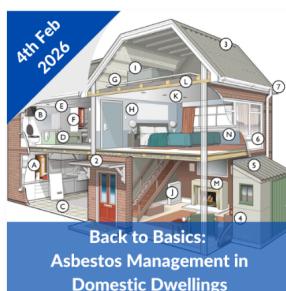
It follows a developer commitment letter from 2023, in which housebuilders pledged to remediate life-critical fire safety works in buildings they had built.

By signing the Developer Remediation Contract, Persimmon's pledge will be legally enforceable. Developers who sign the contract will be required to take responsibility for identifying and assessing buildings taller than 11 metres that they developed or refurbished in Scotland over the last 30 years.

[You can read more 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](#).



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.

Asbestos Remedial Works & Understanding Documentation

'Live online' public course

11th February 2026

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



**Housing H&S
developed course**

Understanding Your Asbestos Survey Reports

'Live online' public course

27th February 2026

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**Housing H&S
developed course**

CDM 2015 Overview Training for Stakeholders (All Duty Holders)

'Live online' public course

2nd March 2026

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



**CDM
Regulations
2015**

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

'Live online' public course

4th March 2026

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



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

'Live online' public course

5th March 2026

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

