



The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

Our Winter 2026 newsletter will bring you up to date with what's happened since the last edition and what we've got coming up over the coming months.

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.



With no other bespoke qualification of this type in Scotland, this qualification will offer learners and employers alike a benchmark standard which will demonstrate the skills and knowledge of those colleagues supporting the seven critical areas of tenant and resident safety in organisations operating in the social housing sector in Scotland as well as in effective contractor management.

Housing H&S Compliance UK Ltd are proud to have successfully completed a rigorous process to be confirmed as a 'Qualifications Scotland' (formerly SQA) Approved Centre in order to deliver our SCQF credit-rated level 7 qualification.

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

As always, there are reduced rates for members of The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland.

Upcoming FREE member Get Togethers...

Awaab's Law - Are you ready? - 2nd March 2026 (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 occupants of the social property.



Awaab's Law is being introduced as part of the Housing (Scotland) Bill, which has recently received royal assent. The intention is for Awaab's Law to be implemented in Scotland from March 2026. Secondary legislation and government guidance, which will detail the specific requirements on landlords, is expected before that date.

Join us at this Get Together with Amy Anderson from Brodies LLP to find out more about the new requirements on landlords and what they should do now to prepare.

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

Policy & Procedure Workshop - 24th March 2026 (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.

We know that the Scottish Housing Regulator tells us that 'it is essential that landlords have effective and robust policies, procedures and systems in place to ensure that they meet their tenant and resident safety duties on time'.

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.

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Fire Risk Assessment Masterclass - 4th June 2026 (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.

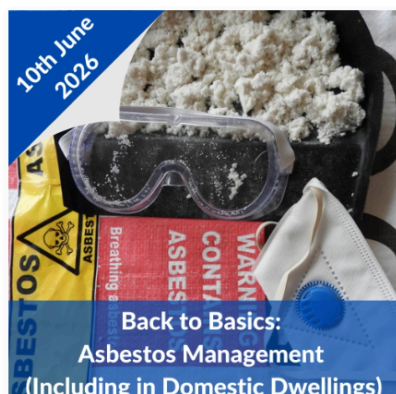
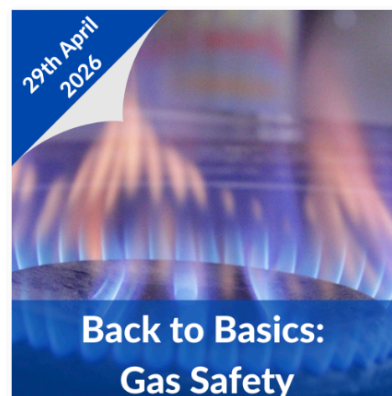
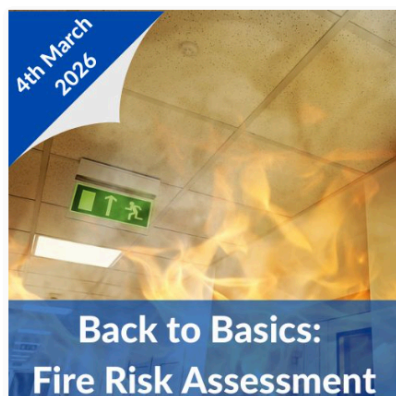
The session will also include a desktop practical exercise which gives delegates the opportunity to review some fire risk assessment reports.



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FREE Back to Basics Webinar Series

Our 'Back to Basics' series of webinars which 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. [Visit the website](#) for more information and to book.





Welcome to our new members!

Since our last newsletter, our Network has grown and we're delighted to welcome the following organisation:

Waverley Housing

Thank you!

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

We look forward to having you on board again!



Office for Product Safety and Standards

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](#).

Product recall: Costway BY213-BS021-C 2 Socket 1 USB and 1 USBC 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](#).



Buying from online marketplaces can be a convenient way to find what you need. And with a few simple checks, it can be safer too:

- ✓ Check the seller – their name, location, and how long they've been selling
- ✓ Read reviews – look for detailed comments, not just star ratings
- ✓ Check product details – look for instructions, warnings, and what it's made from
- ✓ Look for trusted safety marks – like UKCA or CE
- ✓ Check for recalls – search 'product recalls' on [GOV.UK](#) or use the link above.

HSE statistics

In case you missed it, at the end of last year HSE released the annual work-related health and safety statistics for Great Britain (GB) (2024/25).

The data shows:

- ➔ 1.9 million working people suffering from a work-related illness
- ➔ 964,000 workers suffering work-related stress, depression or anxiety
- ➔ 511,000 workers suffering from a work-related musculoskeletal disorder
- ➔ 2,218 mesothelioma deaths due to past asbestos exposures (2023)
- ➔ 124 workers killed in work-related accidents
- ➔ 680,000 working people sustained an injury at work according to the Labour Force Survey
- ➔ 59,219 injuries to employees reported under RIDDOR
- ➔ 40.1 million working days lost due to work-related illness and workplace injury



You can view and download the full statistics [summary document here](#).

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](#).



SHR: 'The risks we will focus on - November 2025'

Each year the Scottish Housing Regulator assesses risk in social landlords to determine what assurance it needs from them and what they may need to improve.

The latest publication from SHR sets out which risks they will focus on; we have summarised the content of the risk assessment specifically focusing on tenant and resident safety, which [you can read here](#).

You can also read the [full SHR publication here](#).

Regulator publishes updated Charter Technical Guidance for social landlords

On 22nd January 2026, 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](#).

Last chance to book - Understanding Your Asbestos Survey Reports

Understanding Your Asbestos Survey Reports

'Live online' public course

27th February 2026

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All Network members are entitled to a discounted rate on Housing H&S Compliance UK Ltd training courses.

And there are more upcoming training courses...

Click the banners for more information and booking forms.

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

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

'Live online' public course

5th March 2026

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Introduction to the Legionella Responsible Person

'Live online' public course

10th March 2026

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Condensation, Damp and Mould for Non-Technical Staff

'Live online' public course

12th March 2026

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Gas Safety Awareness

'Live online' public course

19th March 2026

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