



The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

Our Spring 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.

The Network is three!

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

Thank you to our wonderful member organisations - none of this would be possible without your support.

We've put together a snapshot of the past three years and we'd love you to [take a look!](#)



10% discount for HHSC training courses (until 5th June 2026)



As part of our third birthday celebrations, we are pleased to offer a further 10% discount (on top of the member discount) for HHSC training courses booked from now until the end of 5th June 2026.

You can find more information about HHSC training courses [here](#).

Also stay tuned for a further announcement coming later this month as part of our birthday celebrations!

Upcoming FREE member Get Together...

Last few places left! 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.

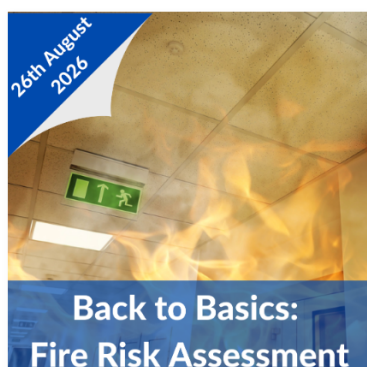
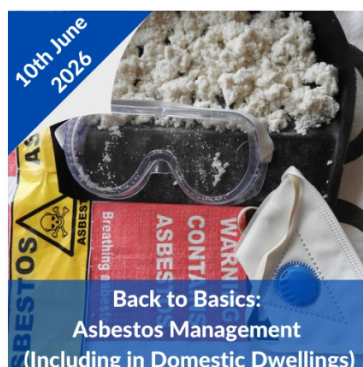
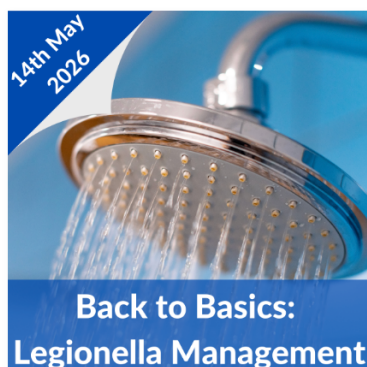
The session will also include a desktop practical exercise which gives delegates the opportunity to review some fire risk assessment reports.



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

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.



Fire fatalities beyond the dwelling of fire origin in Scotland

The Building Standards Division (BSD) of Scottish Government requested that the Building Research Establishment (BRE) scrutinise data, which is held by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), in order to determine specific fire death events and any correlations relating to external cladding (the data that the SFRS holds comes from its own Incident Recording System).

This report, published in March 2026, builds on a first phase of work which was reported on 09 June 2023 (Fire fatalities beyond the dwelling of fire origin in Scotland - Draft Interim Report).

The full report and information contained within, can be found on the [Scottish Government website here](#)

Fire Fatalities beyond the dwelling of fire origin in Scotland

March 2026

 Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba

Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) publishes outcome of its annual risk assessment of social landlords

On 2nd April 2026 the SHR published a summary of the outcome of its annual risk assessment of social landlords, along with engagement plans for registered social landlords (RSLs) and local authorities.

In total, 134 RSLs are compliant while two are not compliant and working towards compliance.

[This briefing note](#) highlights the key outcomes relating to tenant and resident safety.

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

Major revision of fire door standard published

BSI has released BS 8214:2026 Fire-resisting and smoke control doors – Practical considerations concerning specification, design and performance in use – Code of practice.

The new standard, published on 20 March 2026, replaces BS 8214:2016, which has now been withdrawn and represents a substantial update to the long-standing fire door standard, marking “an important step forward in fire door guidance.”

[You can read more here](#)



Welcome to our new members!

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

Home Group

Pineview Housing Association

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: Viessmann Vitorondens 200-T / 222-F Oil Condensing Boiler with Vitoflame 300 Oil Blue Flame Burner (2601-0285)

The product presents a high risk of asphyxiation as testing has indicated that some 2021-2023 boilers may ignite late, causing pressure damage and possible CO leaks. [Read more here](#).

Product Recall UPDATE: Tower Air Fryers (2503-0094)

The product presents a risk of fire as it may overheat and ignite during use.

The product has been recalled from customers. Owners of affected products should stop using the product immediately and unplug it. This update includes details of the product sold by Sainsbury's and additional product safety database notification numbers: 2503-0094, 2603-0060.

[Read more here](#).

Product Recall for specific product codes and ranges of Hilti (GB) Limited Ventilated Cavity Barriers (2602-0235)

The product presents an increased risk of fire as the product has been found not to consistently achieve the declared reaction to fire performance. Hilti (GB) Limited's team can be contacted on 0800 886 100 or gbhiltiprodquality@hilti.com for project managers with questions or requiring assistance.

[Read more here](#).

Electrical Safety Campaign

A reminder that 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.

[View the media pack here](#)



Advice for landlords on preparing their Annual Assurance Statement 2026

Scottish Housing Regulator has written to social landlords with advice on preparing their Annual Assurance Statements by 31 October 2026.

[You can read more here.](#)

#ChargeSafe: Keeping your home safe when you charge your e-bike or e-scooter

The majority of fires related to e-bikes and e-scooter have happened in homes. These fires are often caused when charging batteries.

How can you reduce the risk of fire when you charge an e-bike or e-scooter?

London Fire Brigade's #ChargeSafe Campaign provides important and simple safety tips to reduce the risk.

[You can read more here.](#)

Fires involving e-bikes and e-scooters reach record numbers

Figures obtained through Freedom of Information (FOI) requests have found that there were 432 e-bike and e-scooter fires in the UK in 2025 – a record high

An investigation carried out by the Press Association analysed battery-related incidents attended by fire and rescue services between 2021 and 2025. FOIs were issued to 49 UK fire and rescue services, with 37 brigades responding.



The data revealed that there were 20% more e-scooter fires in 2025 (147) than in 2024 (123). The highest number of e-bike and e-scooter fires was reported by the London Fire Brigade (LFB) – 171 and 35 respectively – followed by Nottinghamshire (30) and Greater Manchester (13). With these devices containing lithium-ion batteries, the causes of these fires were mostly down to faulty or damaged batteries, the use of DIY conversion kits, or chargers that had overheated.

[You can read more here.](#)

Personal injury court absolves landlord in claim that failure to maintain property exacerbated tenant's asthma

A personal injury sheriff has dismissed an action by a tenant alleging that damp and mould in her rental property triggered her asymptomatic asthma after finding that no evidence had been led supporting her claim that the landlord's failure to maintain the property had resulted in her condition.



Whilst we recognise that this relates to a property within the private rented sector, it includes a number of important factors to note and we felt that it may be useful to our members in the social housing sector.

[You can read more here.](#)

Last chance to book - IFSM Accredited Understanding Fire Doors and Carrying Out Inspections (Scotland)

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Face-to-face course - Glasgow

27th May 2026

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



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.

Managing Your Electrical Testing Programme and Understanding Documentation

'Live online' public course

2nd June 2026

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Housing H&S developed course

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

'Live online' public course

3rd June 2026

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CDM 2015 Overview Training for Stakeholders (All Duty Holders)

'Live online' public course

4th June 2026

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**CDM
Regulations
2015**

Condensation, Damp and Mould for Non-Technical Staff

'Live online' public course

10th June 2026

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Asbestos Remedial Works & Understanding Documentation

'Live online' public course

10th June 2026

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Lift Safety Management

'Live online' public course

17th June 2026

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