

Social Landlords Fire Safety Seminar - 29 October 2020

Useful Links - Reference Documents and Guidance

National Fire Chiefs Council

NFCC Guidance to support a temporary change to a simultaneous evacuation strategy in purpose-built blocks of flats.

<https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/Simultaneous-evacuation-guidance>

NFCC Simultaneous Evacuation Guidance: FAQs

<https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/SEG-FAQs>

NFCC Specialised Housing Guide

[https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/NFCC%20Guidance%20publications/NFCC Specialised Housing Guidance - Copy.pdf](https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/NFCC%20Guidance%20publications/NFCC%20Specialised%20Housing%20Guidance%20-%20Copy.pdf)

NFCC Mobility Scooter Guidance

<https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/News/new-nfcc-mobility-scooter-guidance-has-now-been-published->

Efficiency and Effectiveness of Sprinkler Systems in the United Kingdom

[https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/NFCC%20Guidance%20publications/Protection/Efficiency and Effectiveness of Sprinkler Systems in the United Kingdom-Supplementary Report.pdf](https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/NFCC%20Guidance%20publications/Protection/Efficiency%20and%20Effectiveness%20of%20Sprinkler%20Systems%20in%20the%20United%20Kingdom-Supplementary%20Report.pdf)

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) EWS 1

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), The Building Societies Association (BSA), and UK Finance have today agreed a new industry-wide valuation process which will help people buy and sell homes and re-mortgage in buildings above 18 metres (six storeys).

<https://www.rics.org/uk/news-insight/latest-news/fire-safety/new-industry-wide-process-agreed-for-valuation-of-high-rise-buildings/>

RICS have also compiled a questions and answers section on cladding, to assist building owners and consumers in completing the EWS 1 form

<https://www.rics.org/uk/news-insight/latest-news/fire-safety/cladding-qa/>

Building Safety Advice for Building Owners, including Fire Doors (consolidated advice note)

This document, covers the safety of external wall systems (including spandrel panels and balconies), smoke control systems, fire doors and what short-term measures should be put in place should a significant safety issue be identified.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-safety-advice-for-building-owners-including-fire-doors>

Building Safety Programme: Waking Watch Costs

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government collected data on Waking Watch costs through a range of stakeholders from June to September 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-safety-programme-waking-watch-costs>

The Building Safety Manager

Building Safety Manager Working Group 8 Full FINAL Report June 2020, defines the competencies necessary for a newly designated role of a 'Building Safety Manager' (BSM).

This includes the working environment that the BSM would be working within, whom would be employing them, what would influence the delivery of their responsibilities, what the impact of legislation and regulatory reforms could be and indeed what, exactly, would their responsibilities be.

<http://cic.org.uk/admin/resources/annex-8a-safer-people-safer-homes-building-safety-management.pdf>

The Health & Safety Executive

The government has asked HSE to establish a new building safety regulator in the wake of the Grenfell Tower disaster and following recommendations in the 'Building a Safer Future' report by Dame Judith Hackitt.

The new regulator will oversee the safe design, construction and occupation of high-risk buildings so that residents are safe and feel safe. It will be independent and give expert advice to local regulators, landlords and building owners, the construction and building design industry, and to residents.

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/building-safety/index.htm>

The Leaseholder Advisory Service

Leaseholders can access free initial specialist advice to understand their rights through the Leasehold Advisory Service (LEASE).

<https://www.lease-advice.org/about-us/>