



# What is happening...

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Angela Rayner  
MHCLG



Yvette Cooper  
Home Office



Dame Diana  
Johnson  
Police and Fire



Alex Norris  
Building Safety  
MHCLG



Baroness Taylor  
House of Lords



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# Dagenham fire

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## Flats demolished due to safety concerns after fire

2 December 2024

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**Jess Warren & Barry Caffrey**  
BBC News



More than 80 people were evacuated from the block in August

PA Media



# Personal Thoughts

- **Ownership – Minister and Construction Regulator**
- **Clarity – Guidance to Regulations**
- **Options for everyone - inclusive**
- **Accountability – licensing and registration**
- **Professional Curiosity**
- **Structure**

## **GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY: PHASE 2 REPORT OVERVIEW**

REPORT of the PUBLIC INQUIRY into the  
FIRE at GRENFELL TOWER  
on 14 JUNE 2017

**The Panel:**

Chairman: The Rt Hon Sir Martin Moore-Bick  
Ali Akbor OBE  
Thouria Istephan

**September 2024**

Press release

# Planning overhaul to reach 1.5 million new homes

An overhaul of the planning system to accelerate housebuilding and deliver 1.5 million homes over this Parliament.

From: [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#), [The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP](#) and [The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP](#)

Published 12 December 2024



# Fundamental Review of Building Regulations Guidance



## Fundamental Review of Building Regulations Guidance

The Deputy Prime Minister has asked the Building Safety Regulator to undertake a fundamental review of how building regulations guidance is produced, updated, and communicated to the construction industry.

In her opening speech during the House of Commons debate on the Grenfell Inquiry Phase 2 report on 2 December, Angela Rayner announced the review of guidance to the building regulations known as the **Approved Documents (ADs)**.



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# Industry Consultation Group



# Building Regulations

## “Fire safety information

**37A.** Where a building is a relevant premises or contains one or more flats, the person carrying out the work shall—

- (a) provide adequate fire safety information to the person with fire safety duties in a building not later than the date of completion of the work, or the date of occupation of the building or extension, whichever is the earlier; and
- (b) not later than 5 days after the date provided for in subparagraph (a), give a notice in writing to the district council stating that the requirements of subparagraph (a) have been met.

Made by the Department of Finance on 4th November 2024

### Automatic fire suppression systems

**37B.**—(1) A building shall be designed and constructed with a suitable automatic fire suppression system.

(2) This regulation applies only to —

- (a) a building, containing one or more flats, with a storey more than 11m above ground level;
- (b) a building, containing purpose built student accommodation, with a storey more than 11m above ground level; and
- (c) a residential care premises.”.

## Amendments Booklet - AMD 9

Amendments to  
Technical Booklet E  
Technical Booklet R

May 2025





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# Cameron House

## **Cost Benefit Analysis for AFSS to be Installed when Traditional Buildings are Converted to Hotels**

November 2024

 Scottish Government  
Riaghaltas na h-Alba



# CROSS report

- Impairment handling
- Remember it is a safety system
- Notifying the FRS



## Sprinkler system deactivated during construction works

Report ID: 1336 Published: 15 November 2024 Region: CROSS-UK

### Overview

A fire broke out in a large retail warehouse/supermarket and the sprinkler system failed to activate, resulting in a significant escalation of the fire. Subsequent investigations by the fire brigade revealed that the system had been turned off.

### Key Learning Outcomes

#### For Responsible Persons and contractors:

- Responsible Persons (RPs) must ensure their Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) is suitable and sufficient at all times
- Where works are undertaken that require sprinkler system isolation, appropriate control measures must be in place
- Responsible Persons must ensure building works are carried out in accordance with an agreed plan of work and risk assessment
- Contractors must not change this plan of work without consulting all stakeholders

### Full Report

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# Schools

## Appendix A: Analysis of Fire claims

The following table shows, for each academic year, the number of schools that have experienced a fire-related event, and the average value of a fire-related event.

Table 4: Analysis of fire-related events

Academic year	RPA member schools	Members who experienced a fire event	Average cost of fire event (£)
2014/15	936	12	£14,280
2015/16	2,157	15	£268,081
2016/17	3,609	36	£80,624
2017/18	4,643	36	£83,367
2018/19	5,433	47	£74,962
2019/20	6,387	40	£79,990
2020/21	7,716	26	£445,248
2021/22	9,098	47	£359,468
2022/23	10,008	53	£426,365
2023/24 *	11,144	46	£326,497

\* Partial year – nine months up to 31 May 2024



## Department for Education Risk Protection Arrangement

Summary of estimated claims as at 31 May 2024

4 November 2024

Jacqui Draper



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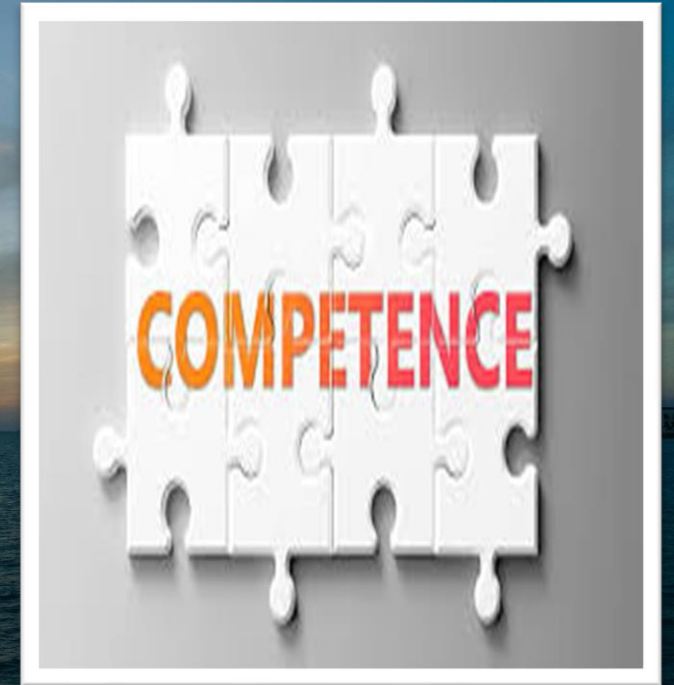
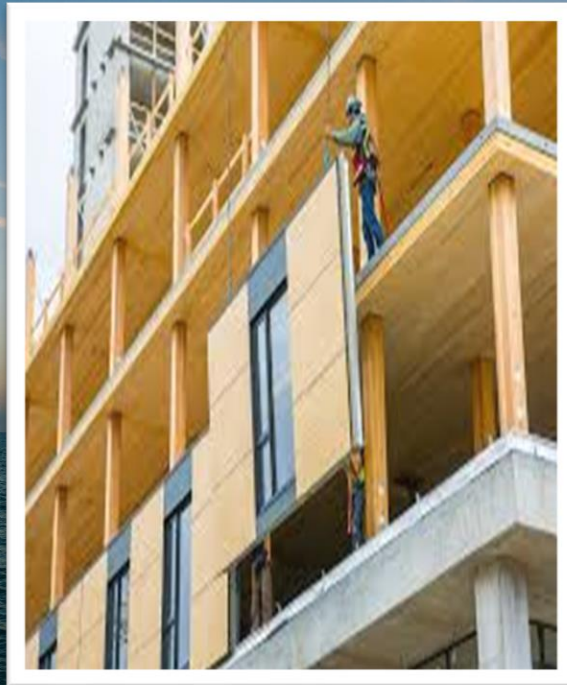
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