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# Building Safety Programme Bulletin

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Following the Grenfell Tower fire, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) established a Building Safety Programme to ensure residents of high-rise buildings are safe and feel safe from the risk of fire, now and in the future.

This bulletin provides the latest information and upcoming events for industry, building owners and residents' organisations.

## New information you may wish to see:

- Today the Government has published a [clarified version of Approved Document B](#) - the part of the building regulations relating to fire safety. This plain English new version is easier to understand, helping avoid misinterpretation. The majority of diagrams have also been redrawn by technical illustrators, to make clearer and improve consistency.

Guidance for flats and houses has now been brought under the same volume for the readers' ease.

- The Government published the [Building a Safer Future: Proposals for Reform of the Building Safety Regulatory System](#), on 6 June. This consultation outlines how we plan to implement meaningful legislative reform to the sector.

- You can tell us your views on the proposed changes either [online](#), via email ([buildingsafetyconsultation@communities.gov.uk](mailto:buildingsafetyconsultation@communities.gov.uk)), or post (information available below). The consultation **closes at 11:45pm on the 31 July 2019.**
- A [quick read guide](#) is available which summarises the key proposals.

## In case you missed it – Building Safety Updates:

- **[Building Safety Charter:](#)** The construction industry Early Adopters Group launched its Building Safety Charter on 6 June. This is the first Charter of its kind and has been established to promote culture change needed across industry to ensure building safety is put first, ahead of all other priorities.
- **[Fire Safety Order:](#)** Last month the Home Office published a call for evidence on the FSO in England. It covers workplaces and common areas of multi-occupied residential buildings. Responses to the Call for Evidence can be submitted [online](#). For queries or questions: [FireSafetyUnitconsultations@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:FireSafetyUnitconsultations@homeoffice.gov.uk).
- **[Funding the removal of unsafe cladding:](#)** In May the Government announced a commitment to fund the replacement of unsafe ACM cladding on qualifying private sector high-rise residential blocks (above 18m).
  - MHCLG will publish the full fund application guidance including eligibility and evidence criteria in the coming weeks.

## Key Events:

During the consultation period, the Government will be holding a series of stakeholder engagement events. These include:

- **Building a Safer Future Conference:** We are hosting an event for cross-sector building industry stakeholders to discuss the Government's consultations proposals on **July 18<sup>th</sup> in London**. To register your interest please contact [penny.phillips@communities.gov.uk](mailto:penny.phillips@communities.gov.uk)
- **Roadshow for residents:** MHCLG officials will be meeting with residents of high-rise buildings across the country to hear their views on our proposals. Our proposals. Officials will be holding events in Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Newcastle, Nottingham and Woking and will be engaging with existing resident forums in other parts of the country. For further details, please email [highrise.resident-events@communities.gov.uk](mailto:highrise.resident-events@communities.gov.uk) or search on Eventbrite.

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About the Building Safety Programme:

In the light of the apparent failures in the building safety system, the Government commissioned an independent, forward-looking review of building and fire safety regulations and their effectiveness. The Review was led by Dame Judith Hackitt and looked at the regulatory framework around the construction, maintenance and on-going use of buildings, with a focus on high-rise residential buildings. It found that the system was not fit for purpose and set out 53 recommendations to establish a new regulatory framework and achieve a culture change to create and maintain safe buildings. The [Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety: Final Report](#) was published on 17th May 2018.

We agreed with Dame Judith's diagnosis and the broad principles set out in the Review's Final Report and set out how we intend to take forward the recommendations in the [Building a Safer Future: an Implementation Plan](#) published on the 18th December.

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