

## **Strengthening the regulatory regime for building safety**

The draft Building Safety Bill was published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on Monday and will implement the recommendations made by Dame Judith Hackitt in her independent review. It will strengthen the regulatory regime for building safety (and construction products) in England and ensure residents have a stronger voice in the system.

The Bill was published in draft form to enable consultation and scrutiny before the Bill is introduced to Parliament. It will be examined by a Parliamentary committee who will report with feedback and recommendations before the Bill is finalised. We will also work with stakeholders on areas that need refinement or further consultation to finalise measures.

The Bill will then be introduced formally in the House of Commons or the House of Lords. If it progresses through all stages in Parliament, the Bill will then be presented to the Queen for her formal agreement where it then becomes an Act and the powers come into force.

## **Proposals to strengthen the Fire Safety Order were also published alongside the draft Bill**

The Home Office published a Fire Safety Consultation on Monday. This will gather views on proposals to implement the recommendations from Phase 1 of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry that require a change in law, improve compliance and fire safety in all regulated buildings in England.

The proposals focus on a number of areas, including providing residents with greater assurance and fire safety improvements in buildings; driving effective and sustainable operational outcomes for fire fighters; and enabling better identification of responsible persons, such as building owners and managers. The Fire Safety Order covers external walls and flat entrance doors in multi-occupied residential buildings.

The Government is seeking the views of people from key groups, including those that have been most affected by the fire, residents of high rise and multi-occupancy buildings, building owners and managers and fire and rescue services.

In addition to the consultation, the Fire Safety Bill is also currently making its way through Parliament. This Bill will deliver on the Inquiry's Phase 1 recommendations by empowering fire and rescue services to take enforcement action and hold building owners to account if they are not compliant with the law.

## **A lot of work and progress has already been made towards making people safer in their own homes.**

Comprehensive reform won't happen overnight, and progress has already been made. The Government:

- has banned the use of combustible materials on the external walls of high-rise buildings
- published clearer guidance on existing regulations that buildings owners must follow
- is making it mandatory for sprinklers to be fitted in all new blocks of flats over 11m high
- identified buildings with unsafe Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) cladding
- is providing £600 million to expedite the removal and replacement replace it in both private and social-sector homes over 18m high

- is providing a further £1 billion to remove and replace non-ACM unsafe cladding materials from high-rise residential blocks

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## **HSE and the shadow Building Safety Regulator**

**HSE is working hard to establish the first ever national Building Safety Regulator to ensure strong enforcement of the new regulatory system and deter non-compliance with the new regime.**

There have been a number of changes within HSE to help us move quickly to setting up the shadow BSR and ensure we adapt to the legislation as it works its way through parliamentary process.

We have formed the new Building Safety and Construction Division, which will incorporate the existing Construction Division of HSE as well as the future BSR. The department will continue to focus on worker health and safety during construction and related activities. In joining these two new divisions HSE can continue its respected approach to regulation and build greater links within the industry.

We have taken on the chair of the Joint Regulators Group, which will provide coordinated leadership to local authority and fire & rescue regulators during the transition to the new regulations. It will support the development of close working arrangements between the BSR and local regulators, while continuing to work with early adopters to trial new safety approaches. Next week's e-Bulletin will feature more on the work of this group.

Simon Oakley has been appointed as Programme Director of the BSR. He will use his many years' experience from large scale transformations to develop an integrated programme of BSR function into the HSE and delivering the new business model.

**It is vital that regulatory standards and public confidence are increased across the whole system of building and fire safety**

We know reform will not happen overnight, which is why we are doing what we can, before the new regime is established, to ensure people are safe – and feel safe – in their homes.

The Bill is intended to strengthen the whole regulatory system for building safety and ensure there is greater accountability and responsibility for the safety of buildings in scope throughout their lifecycle.

Managing building risks should be approached holistically and alongside other business risks that are managed on a day-to-day basis, in the same way as worker safety or financial risks. The culture of the industry needs to change to recognise the importance and priority of building safety and ensure systems are in place to ensure accountability and responsibility for the safety of buildings in scope throughout their lifecycle. We can start by sharing good practice.

In the coming months we will be publishing details of how you can engage with HSE about the shadow regulator and what it might mean for you.

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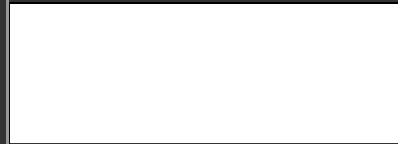
**More information**

## Key documents that help explain building safety reform.

- [Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety: final report](#)
- [Draft Building Safety Bill](#)  
The draft Bill in full
- [Written Ministerial Statement about the draft Building Safety Bill](#)
- [Remediation of non-ACM buildings](#)  
Information relating to the Building Safety Fund for the remediation of unsafe non-ACM cladding systems.
- [Fire Safety Order consultation](#)

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