



Federation News

Charitable Status

We are now a registered charity, which is a key step in our strategic plan to become a public interest enterprise and underscores our commitment to impartiality. The objective is to serve the public societal agenda over any single stakeholder view.

While enhancing our independence and governance, the change will also provide greater access to funding grants.

Approved Document B Update

The Ministry Housing, Communities, and Local Government (MHCLG) has updated Approved Document B (Fire safety) Volume 1 (Dwellings) and Volume 2 (Buildings other than dwellings) of the Building regulations to incorporate future amendments.



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

The consolidated version sees the 2019 edition, incorporating the 2020 and 2022 amendments, now collated with the forthcoming 2025, 2026 and 2029 amendments. Full details are available [here](#).

Becoming a Confederation

We will be changing our name to the Fire Sector Confederation in the coming weeks. The change is needed for our charity registration, but we believe that the name better reflect the our focus to deliver a strategic vision for collaboration across the fire ecosystem to overcome change and deliver meaningful and effective solutions that enhance fire safety in our society. New corporate branding to reflect the name change will be launched with the digital collaboration hub in a few weeks' time.

AGM 8th April

This year's Annual General Meeting will once again be held at the NEC Birmingham to coincide with the Fire Safety Event.

Confirmation of timings and directions to the room will be confirmed shortly by email to members.



Consultation Forum

The Federation's Consultation Forum continues to develop with a steadily increasing membership from across the sector. Led by the Federation's Technical Adviser, the details of consultations and responses are available in Basecamp.

Domestic Furniture

The Office of Product Safety and Standards has provided a progress update from the Minister for Employment Rights,

Competition and Markets on the



Office for Product Safety & Standards

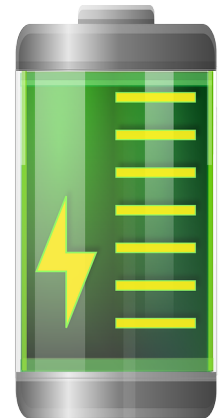
Government's review of the fire safety of domestic upholstered furniture.

The policy paper sets out initial changes it will make to amend the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988 (the FFRs), and its ongoing plans.

It outlines the Government's proposed new regulatory approach, highlights areas of broad stakeholder consensus and provides an update on outstanding challenges. Details are available [here](#).

Battery Safety Report

An independent Report commissioned by the Office of Product Safety and Standards has been published that improves the evidence base on the causes of safety risks and hazards associated with personal light electric vehicle (PLEV) batteries and chargers.



The full report is available from the government website [here](#).

Member Diary Dates

AGM - April 8th, NEC Birmingham

Member Forums:

August 20th (virtual)

November 6th (virtual)

RIBA Grenfell Response

RIBA recently published a full response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2

Report and its recommendations. The details of the response are available [here](#).

RIBA

Royal Institute of British Architects

SECTOR EVENTS

Fire Sprinkler International: 2-3 April

Fire Safety Event: 8-10 April 2025

SFPE European Conference on Fire Safety Engineering: 9-10 April

Emergency Services Show: 17-18 September 2025

Anticipate London 25-27 November

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