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# **Fire Safety in High Rise Domestic Buildings**

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# Fire Safety

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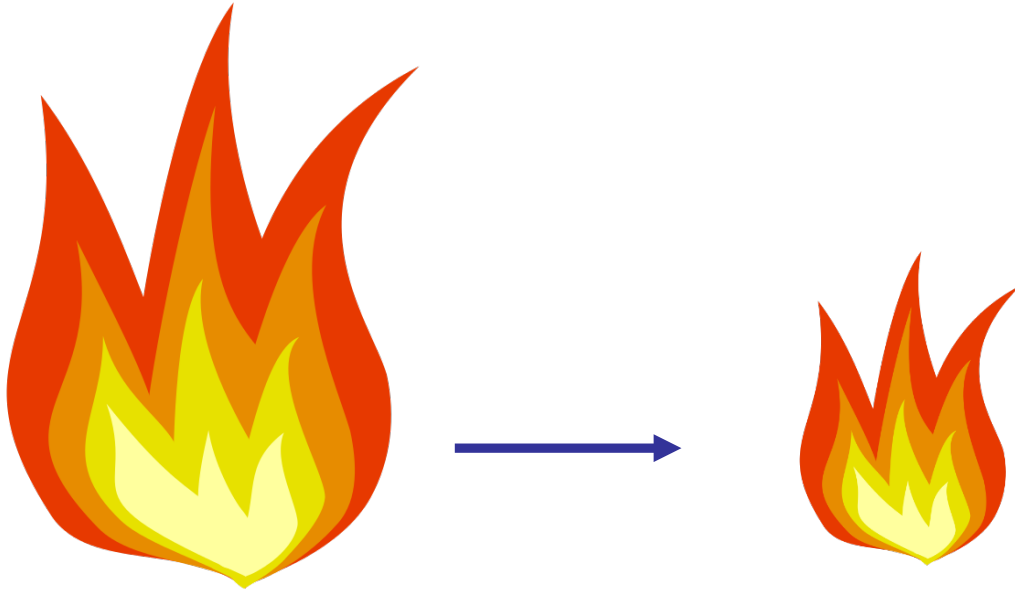
- Prevent fires and reduce impact
- Together to keep safe
- Can all play a role



# Success in Prevention

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Number fires reduced 43% over the last ten years



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# Ministerial Working Group on Building and Fire Safety

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Aileen Campbell MSP  
Cabinet Secretary for  
Communities and Local  
Government



Ash Denham MSP  
Minister for Community  
Safety



Kevin Stewart MSP  
Minister for Local  
Government, Housing  
and Planning

# 3 Major Reviews



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# Fire Safety Regime Review

- Knowledge
- Experience
- Understand
- Act



# Making Safe Buildings Safer

No major gaps in Scottish legislation ✓

Improvements ✓

6 recommendations for action ✓



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# Making Actions Effective – Tell Us

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## **Strengthening Fire Safety for High Rise Domestic Buildings Consultation**

on

**Guidance for those responsible for  
Fire Safety in High Rise Domestic Buildings**

and

**Information for people who live  
in High Rise Domestic Buildings**

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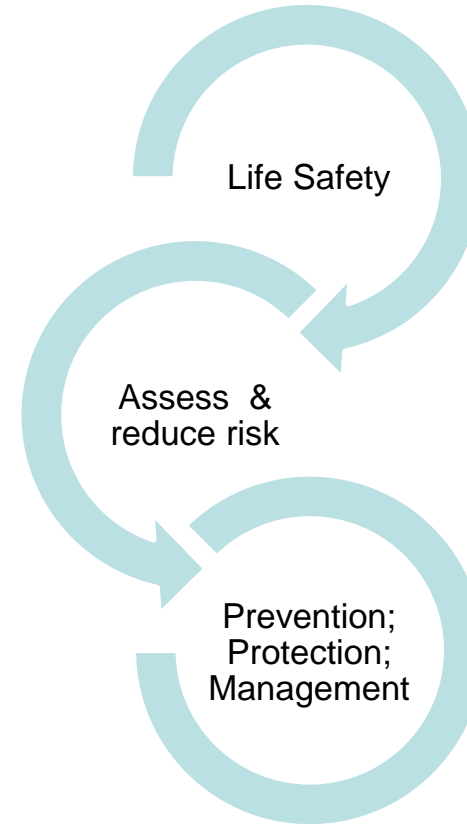
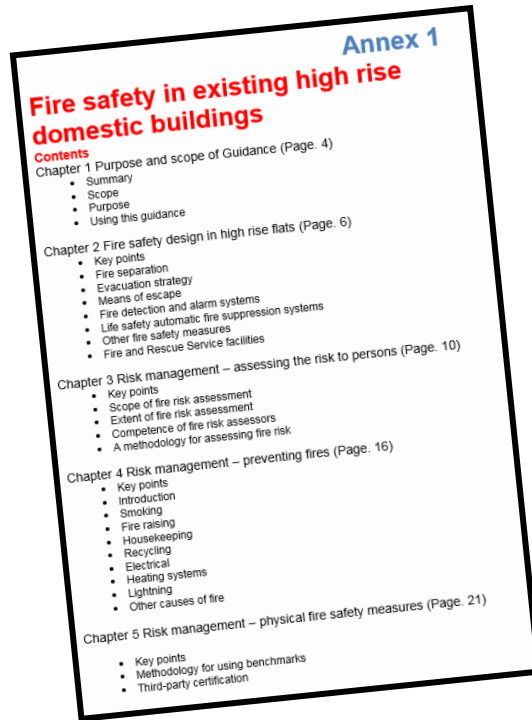


# Fire Safety Information for People Living in High Rise Buildings

1 Most Preferred – 5 Least Preferred	1	2	3	4	5
Printed Leaflet 					
Written Information on a Website 					
Video/Animation on a website 					
Notice Board/Poster in the building 					
Mobile device app 					



# Fire Safety Guidance



# Materials in Common Areas

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- A consistent position for storage, removal and enforced prohibition of combustible materials in common areas to be agreed by stakeholders (including SFRS and Local Authorities)
- A fire safety campaign relative to common areas



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# We Want Your Views

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Your information and views on our proposed actions will help shape our guidance.

## Overview

The Scottish Government is gathering information and views on proposed actions to strengthen **fire safety for people who live in high rise domestic buildings**. We will use the responses to improve and refine the proposed actions on strengthening fire safety in high rise domestic buildings. The responses will also inform how these actions should best be implemented to ensure their effectiveness.

The proposed actions are aimed at delivering the five recommendations from the [Review of the Fire Safety Regime for High Rise Domestic Buildings in Scotland](#). These were agreed by the Scottish Government Ministerial Working Group on Building and Fire Safety that was set up following the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower. There is separate work underway regarding the sixth recommendation to produce fire safety guidance for specialised housing.

Give us your views

[Begin consultation](#) >



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Engagement events



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# Next Steps

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- Inform actions and effective implementation.
- Aim deliver by end of 2019

# Next Steps

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Please do take part in consultation

- <https://consult.gov.scot/fire-and-rescue/fire-safety-consultation-2019/>

Contact by email:

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# Specialised Housing Guidance

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# Why is guidance needed?

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“the projected increase in the number of older people and the number of people receiving social care or care in the community are also recorded as key contributory factors”

(Scotland Together, 2009)



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“The over 60s account for the highest number of fire deaths across the various age groups with multiple contributory factors often present eg. smoking, sensory impairment, mental health, medication, mobility, social isolation”

(SFRS Aging Safely Framework, 2015)

“it was highlighted by the Advisory Group that there was not a lot of easily accessible, informative, fire safety guidance aimed at those responsible for managing specialised housing. In particular, there was a lack of guidance related to the consideration of the needs of vulnerable people.”

(SG Review of the Scottish Fire Safety Regime for Domestic High Rise Property, 2018)

# Scope

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Domestic Premises for Vulnerable People eg

- Sheltered Housing
- Extra Care / V Sheltered Housing
- Supported Housing
- Domestic care homes
- Other domestic premises with care?



# Fire Safety Risk Assessment

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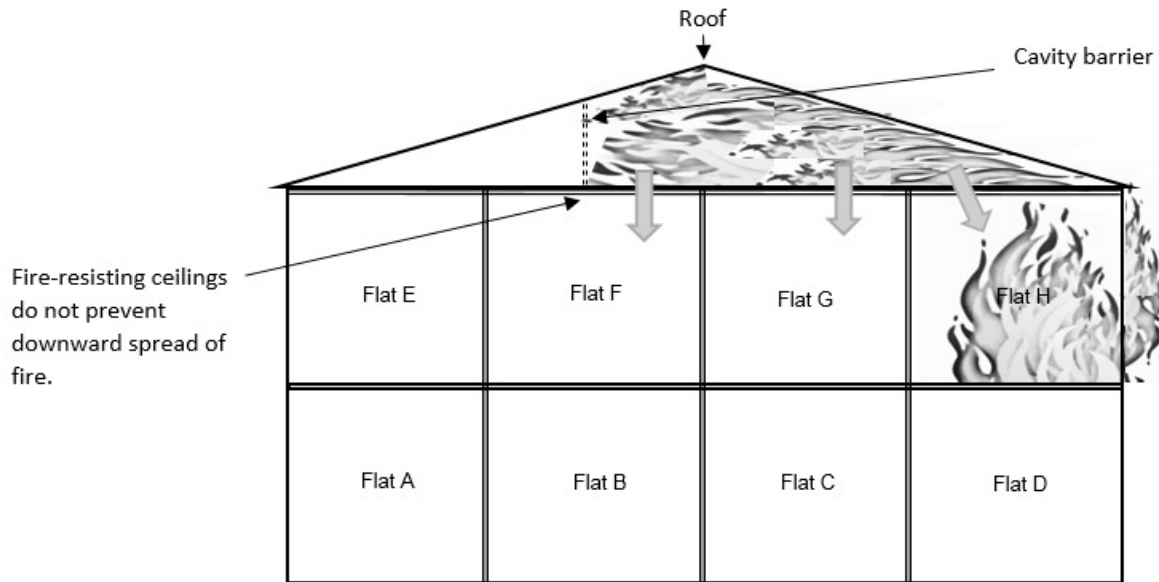
- Person based assessment



# Fire Safety Risk Assessment

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- Premises based assessment



# Timeline

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- Initial meetings (spring)
- Pre-Consultation Event (June)
- Consultation (summer)
- Finalise and produce by end of 2019



Thanks for your attention

Any questions?