



Federation Newsletter

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Making sure your voice is heard

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EVENTS

- Fire Safety Event
5th-7th April
- Federation AGM
10th May
- FIREX
International 17th-
19th May
- Fire Sprinkler
International
31 May to 1 June
- INTERSCHUTZ
20 to 22 June
2022 Hannover.
- Emergency
Services Show
21st-22nd
September
- Fire Conference
18 October 2022
London

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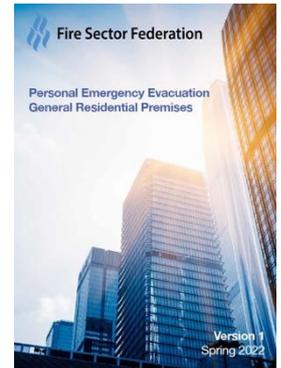
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New Evacuation Checklist Published

The Federation has published a checklist for Fire Risk Assessors to help them evaluate the safe escape of individuals from a building fire.

The Personal Emergency Evacuation Residential Premises guide offers a lead where currently none exists and was developed in conjunction with members who are fire risk assessors.

It is available to download from the Federation website [here](#)



Supporting the Grenfell Inquiry

The Federation’s Executive Officer, Dennis Davis, recently gave evidence at the Grenfell Inquiry providing informed testimony that gave a clear description of the Federation’s work to drive improved competence and safety.

Dennis has undertaken extensive work over many months to research, compile and prepare hundreds of pages of evidence for submission to the Inquiry.

The information that has come to light during the Inquiry highlights the need to continue to collaborate across the sector to achieve the highest standards of safety in our built environment.

PAS 7050 and PAS 7100

bsi. BSI has published two new standards – the new PAS 7050 and revised PAS 7100 - to help businesses and regulators to have the appropriate systems and processes in place to enable the production of safe goods and address any issues quickly and effectively if something goes wrong. The standards are available for download [here](#)

FIRE AID for Ukraine

FIRE AID, the UK charity supported by the National Fire Chiefs Council and Fire Industry Association, has been co-ordinating donations of over 5,000 items of fire and rescue equipment and PPE for Ukraine’s firefighters.

Eighteen fire appliances, thermal imaging cameras, generators, lighting, hose, rescue equipment and sets of PPE were among the items donated. Every UK fire service has stepped in to support these efforts. To find out more about their efforts to support Ukraine, or to donate, visit the website [here](#)

Amendments to N. Ireland Building Regulations

Last year, the Department of Finance in Northern Ireland carried out a public consultation on proposed amendments to the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended) and associated guidance on Technical Booklets. They have now issued a notice on the changes being made, which do impact upon fire safety in external walls. More information is available [here](#)

Fire Safety Event 5th-7th April

Federation Board members, Dennis Davis and Jonathan O'Neill will be speaking at seminar sessions at this year's Fire Safety and Health and Safety events, which run side by side at the NEC in Birmingham. They will be discussing the impending Building Safety Bill and its implications for those who work in the built environment and safety sectors. Details of the events are available [here](#)

Supporting Diversity and Equality

As part of our commitment to support equality and Diversity across the sector, the Federation is signposting resources that are an informative and useful source of help and information for members in developing and maintaining their diversity policy. Diversity is about much more than hiring unrepresented groups, as explained well by Investors In People [here](#)

Follow us on LinkedIn



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Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability

NFCC recently held a Workshop to review progress on a new work stream that is considering environment and sustainability directly related to facing the future. At an early stage the work stream, chaired by Ben Brook, CFO Warwickshire, divided work between a number of task and finish groups and the workshop considered outcomes and further actions. A favourable action for adoption by emergency services is a Sustainability Charter. The Federation is a stakeholder of this NFCC work stream

Personal Indemnity Insurance

PII remains a vexed issue for many in the fire industry not least fire risk assessors and the difficulty it presents was recently reported upon by the Construction Industry Council when it respond to the DLUHC Select Committee on the unintended consequences in terms of insurers arising from the Building Safety Bill. Highlighting issues like increased premiums, refusals to offer insurance and a concern insurers might actually withdraw from the market, the submission covered an extensive number of issues that required attention. The submission may be found [here](#).

Annual Subscriptions

The Federation's finance officer has started the process of invoicing for the current 2022-2023 year, which includes a modest increase for many, and we ask all our members to help facilitate this important task.
