

Introduction

The Health and Safety Executive in its capacity as the Building Safety Regulator (BSR), with support from the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) in its role as the UK regulator for construction products and the Construction Leadership Council (CLC), ran a series of free building safety webinars from November 2023 to April 2024. The objectives of the webinar series were to deliver accurate, clear and helpful information on the key changes to the building safety landscape and drive awareness, understanding and action across the construction industry and broader built environment.

The webinars remain available to watch at the following links:

- [Fundamentals of the new building safety regime;](#)
- [The new higher-risk buildings regime – design and construction - fundamentals for designers and contractors;](#)
- [Competence;](#)
- [The golden thread of information for higher-risk buildings;](#)
- [The role of construction products in building safety;](#) and
- [Building safety – ask your questions.](#)

Key stakeholders and sector experts joined the Regulators for each online event to provide specific advice and information on key building safety topics and an opportunity to ask questions.

Post webinar feedback showed attendees found these valuable and suggested action that delegates will take as a direct result of the webinars. This includes:

- Sharing knowledge and lessons more widely with others;
- Developing new and/or reviewing existing processes; and
- Skills development and further research/learning.

The Building Safety Act 2022, together with supporting secondary legislation, has introduced a new regulatory regime which has placed new requirements and obligations on everyone, not just those who work on higher-risk buildings (HRBs). This means all those within the construction

sector must play their part in procuring, designing, constructing, managing and refurbishing buildings safely. It is hoped that these resources will continue to support industry.

In summary:

- **6 webinars** delivered as part of the series
- All webinars reached maximum **500 registrations**
- Average attendance was **250 per webinar**
- **1,072 unique attendees** representing **698 organisations**
- To date a further **7,209 views on demand** post event
- To date **428 downloads** of presentation slide decks across the six webinars

In addition to the webinars, the BSR held its second building safety conference on 21 May 2024. The conference provided a platform for industry leaders, regulators and resident representatives to discuss the ongoing transformation of the building safety landscape.

The CLC was delighted to participate in a number of panel sessions with support from key industry representatives and Mark Reynolds, CLC Co-chair joining a leader's question panel to conclude the event.

The conference sessions are now available for download [here](#). This includes:

- [Building Safety – A Strategic Priority For All](#)
- [What is the Golden Thread of Information and what does it mean for you and your building?](#)
- [The Industry Competence Steering Group \(ICSG\) Working Group 2 – Installer Group and the Wider Context of Competence](#)
- [Importance of Construction Product Regulation and Information in Building Safety](#)

Building Safety Webinars

Fundamentals of the new building safety regime

3 November 2023

1	Topic	Resources
	<p>Details on the fundamentals of the Building Safety Act 2022, its impact on the industry and what actions are required from the whole built environment.</p>	<p>The webinar can be viewed here.</p> <p>Slide presentations can be download here.</p>
	<p>Key messages included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All buildings must be safe and high quality for those who live and work in them. • The requirements of the new regulatory regime for building safety apply to everyone working in the construction industry, it is not just for those working on higher-risk buildings. • Buildings need to be seen as a system through their whole life cycle – to deliver the right design, right products, right installation and right building. • You need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understand your role and responsibilities; - co-operate and collaborate with your team and others; and - ask questions to assure yourself that the building is compliant. • Comply with current construction products legislation and prepare for forthcoming changes. • The new regulatory regime for building safety, on its own, cannot drive the changes that are required in the construction industry. Everyone needs to take responsibility for their own work and show leadership. • Learn from experience of addressing occupational health and safety and apply those lessons to the approach to building safety. • Getting things right first time will both lead to safe, high quality buildings and help to restore confidence in the construction industry. 	

The new higher-risk buildings regime – design and construction - fundamentals for designers and contractors

10 January 2024

2	Topic	Resources
	A summary of the new higher-risk building regime, with specific focus on the design and construction phase and fundamentals for designers and contractors.	The webinar can be viewed here .
	Slide presentations can be download here .	
	Key messages included:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new requirements strengthens regulatory oversight before building work commences, during construction, before a building is occupied and for occupation - through the new building control and in-occupation regimes. • Design phase - demonstrating the design if built will comply with the Building Regulations. • Construction phase - demonstrating that the approved design is being built and any changes are managed and comply with the Building Regulations. • Handover and completion - demonstrating that the completed building complies with the Building Regulations and a comprehensive and accurate record of the building has been handed over. • During design and construction, the emphasis is on designing and building in compliance with the functional requirements of the Building Regulations. • The functional requirements of Building Regulations have not changed • What has changed are the procedural requirements around how you demonstrate that your building satisfies those functional requirements. • Design more thoroughly at the outset to avoid the need for change. 	

Competence

16 January 2024

3	Topic	Resources
	<p>The importance of competence across the built environment, with particular focus on design and construction. Information on the new duties, current work and action required by industry.</p>	<p>The webinar can be viewed here.</p> <p>Slide presentations can be download here.</p>
<p>Key messages included:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must be able to demonstrate the appropriate competencies for your specific role. • Organisations need to ensure that the people working for them have the right skills, knowledge, experience and behaviours (SKEB) to undertake their roles. • Organisations must be able to demonstrate they have the organisational capability to carry out their duties and undertake the work. This means having policies, procedures, systems and resources in place to make sure those employed by the organisation comply with all relevant regulations. • Building regulations place a duty on the client to ensure that the individuals they appoint are competent and the organisations they use are organisationally capable. • The Building Safety Act and Regulations are in place, supported a body of work for competence frameworks. Don't wait – understand, prepare and action your own competency requirements. • The Industry Competence Steering Group, established under the Industry Competence Committee, are leading the development of competence frameworks for individuals. • This includes the Super Sector Programme to create and deliver installer competence frameworks across industry sectors - envelope, engineering services, interiors, civils and structure. 		

The golden thread of information for higher-risk buildings

17 April 2024

4	Topic	Resources
	Focus on the golden thread of information for higher-risk buildings (HRBs), including the overarching principles, new duties, practical application and forthcoming industry guidance.	The webinar can be viewed here . Slide presentations can be download here .
	Key messages included:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the Building Safety Act 2022 and supporting regulations, the golden thread is a legal requirement for all those involved in the design, construction, occupation and refurbishment of higher-risk buildings. • The golden thread is the information you need to understand the building and the steps needed to keep both the building and people in it safe, now and in the future. • It is intended to deliver accurate information about a building and use that information to support dutyholders and accountable persons in complying with the Building Regulations in design and construction and managing fire spread and structural risks in occupation. • The golden thread is very much a process and an approach to good information management for the life of a building, • The golden thread is not a product, nor a software solution. • Good building information management should not be something new. • Information should be: Accessible, Accountable, Accurate, Electronic, Secure, Transferable, Understandable and Up to date. • The golden thread has to be individual, bespoke, and specific to a building and group of residents/occupants. 	

The role of construction products in building safety

22 April 2024

5	Topic	Resources
	<p>Post the Building Safety Act 2022, explored perspectives on compliance of construction products, progress being made and the challenges ahead post the Building Safety Act 2022.</p>	<p>The webinar can be viewed here.</p> <p>Slide presentations can be download here.</p>
	<p>Key messages included:</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current legislative requirements are only compulsory for products where there is a designated standard or the product is subject to a technical assessment. This covers approximately a third of construction products. • There needs to be systemic change across all aspects of construction products – development, manufacture, marketing, testing, installation and use of construction products. • The Building Safety Act 2022 gave new powers to create new regulations to ensure safer products. Work is underway to develop the new construction product regulatory regime. • The role of OPSS is to ensure that all construction products on the UK market meet regulatory standards. • OPSS only regulate construction products that are placed on the UK market, they cannot regulate products that are in buildings. • Manufacturers have a duty to ensure that products do what they should do and what is expected of them. Consider your role and focus on selecting suitable products for the project being undertaken. • The 5 acid tests for the Code for Construction Product information (CCPI) are that the information is clear, accurate, up to date, accessible and unambiguous. • Organisations need to recognise the benefits of signing up to the Code. 	

Building safety – ask your questions 29 April 2024

6	Topic	Resources
	<p>A recap on the significant changes for the industry since the introduction of the new building safety regime, early operational insights from the Regulators and a practical industry perspective from a higher-risk building developer.</p>	<p>The webinar can be viewed here.</p> <p>Slide presentations can be download here.</p>
	<p>Key messages included:</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be greater recognition in the construction industry that the Building Safety Act 2022 is applicable to all buildings and not just higher-risk buildings. • Be curious about your building, it is your building, understand it and understand what you were looking to achieve with your building. • As per the wording in part 2A of the Building Regulations, plan, manage and monitor your work – know what your role is at each stage, are you fulfilling your responsibilities? • Embrace the Building Safety Act as a driver for change. • Having good data about your building gives greater confidence in the quality and build standards that the buildings are being built to, it also gives accountability to the supply chain that the client has a good understanding about the building. • OPSS take a risk-based approach to product regulation. • Construction product manufacturers should comply with current construction products legislation and prepare for forthcoming changes. 	

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