



# Building Control Northern Ireland **Fire Safety Panel**



## **FIRE SAFETY CONFERENCE**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Armagh City Hotel, 2 Friary Road, Armagh, BT60 4FR

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Fire Safety**

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# Conference

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this, the twenty third annual Fire Safety Conference, organised by the Northern Ireland Fire Safety Liaison Panel.

The aim of the Conference is to raise awareness in the protection of citizens who occupy the built environment, by the sharing of knowledge and expertise through this multi-agency forum.

The Fire Safety Liaison Panel encompasses the disciplines of:

- Local Council Building Control
- The Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service
- The Entertainment Licensing Officers Forum, and
- The NIHE-HMO Unit.

This year our Conference will focus on “**Enhancing Fire Safety.**”

Our speakers have been drawn from various disciplines in the field of fire safety and include fire safety professionals, fire brigade, product manufacturers and suppliers, trade bodies, research establishments and fire investigators. The conference will examine current issues across a range of building types and occupancy profiles. These will include domestic premises through to large commercial and multi-storey premises, including those to which the public are admitted to socialise. Topics will explore facades on high rise buildings, fighting fires in such buildings, responsibilities of owners / occupiers, evacuation behaviour, forensics- DNA and how communication is essential in advancing fire safety. The presentations will include a number of case studies, ensuring the event will be interactive, and will involve audience participation and opportunities for questions; it equates to **10 hours CPD**.

We trust you will find the Conference beneficial, educational and entertaining. Each year we strive to raise the standards of fire safety and awareness of the need to consider fire safety in everyday scenarios you may face.

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# Programme

THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY | DAY 1 Fire Safety Panel Conference

| TIME          | SESSION  | SPEAKER   |
|---------------|--|---|
| 08.30 – 09.30 | Registration & Refreshments                                | <b>Trade Exhibitors</b>                         |
| 09.30 – 09.35 | Welcome Address  | <b>Cllr Julie Flaherty,</b><br>Lord Mayor ABCBC |
| 09.35 – 09.40 | Introduction to Conference &<br>Daily Themes               | <b>Sean McConville,</b><br>Chairman FSP BCNI    |
| 09.40 – 10.25 | The provision of<br>Compartmentation / Fire<br>Resistance  | <b>Jason Horrex</b><br>Saint Gobain             |
| 10.25 – 11.10 | Building Regulations – Things<br>to Watch                  | <b>Eammon Smyth,</b> Dept<br>of Housing         |
| 11.10 – 11.30 | Morning Refreshments                                       | <b>Trade Exhibitors</b>                         |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | Trade Talks  | <b>Trade Exhibitors</b>                         |
| 12.30 – 13.15 | Fire Safety in High Rise<br>Residential Buildings          | <b>Trevor Norwood,</b> XACT                     |
| 13.15 – 14.15 | Lunch  | <b>Trade Exhibitors</b>                         |
| 14.15 – 15.00 | Ulster University – An<br>Engineers Approach               | <b>Tony McParland,</b> JGA                      |
| 15.00 – 15.45 | Overview & Update of Findings<br>from the Grenfell Tragedy | <b>Arnold Tarling</b>                           |
| 15.45 – 16.30 | The Hackitt Report going<br>Forward - Legislative Updates  | <b>Martin Taylor,</b> LABC                      |
| 16.30         | Chairman's Closing Remarks                                 | <b>Sean McConville,</b><br>Chairman FSP BCNI    |



# Programme

FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY | DAY 2 Fire Safety Panel Conference

| TIME          | SESSION   | SPEAKER                                     |
|---------------|---|---|
| 08.45 – 09.30 | Registration  | <b>Trade Exhibitors</b>                     |
| 09.30 – 09.40 | Introduction to Day Two   | <b>Alan Walmsley</b> , Chairman ACFO, NIFRS |
| 09.40 – 10.25 | The Role of Fire Investigators                                  | <b>Eva McKiernan</b> , IFIC Forensics       |
| 10.25 – 11.10 | Fighting Fires – Primark Fire                                   | <b>Aidan Jennings</b> , NIFRS               |
| 11.10 – 11.45 | Morning Refreshments  | <b>Trade Exhibitors</b>                     |
| 11.45 – 12.15 | Health Care Premises – Changes in Fire Safety Culture           | <b>Trevor Burns</b> , SHSCT                 |
| 12.15 – 12.45 | Virtual Reality, Changing the Approach                          | <b>Bradley Woodward</b> , RiVR              |
| 12.45 – 13.50 | Lunch   | <b>Trade Exhibitors</b>                     |
| 13.50 – 14.25 | An Insurer View - Business Continuity and Lessons Learnt        | <b>Gary Howe</b> , Zurich                   |
| 14.25 – 15.00 | Grenfell Fire Reconstruction: First results from fire modelling | <b>Eric Guillaume</b> , Efectis             |
| 15.00 – 15.40 | Fire Risk of Existing Buildings with Combustible Cladding       | <b>James Bychowski</b> , Jensen Hughes      |
| 15.40         | Chairman's Closing Remarks                                      | <b>Sean McConville</b> , Chairman FSP BCNI  |
|               | Conference Close  |   |