



West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

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Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022

Essential information for responsible persons of multi-occupied residential buildings.

To the responsible person/s,

Following previous communications from us, I am writing to remind you that the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 have now been in force since January 23rd, 2023. Within West Sussex the Regulations are enforceable by West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order, 2005 and we will soon commence a programme of planned audits of in-scope residential buildings.

The Regulations have been introduced to meet the recommendations of Phase 1 of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and are in addition to the Fire Safety Act 2021 which commenced on 16 May 2022. You should now be aware of how these two pieces of legislation impact you and the actions you must take with regards to in-scope residential buildings for which you have fire safety responsibilities.

The Regulations require action from you as they impose significant legal requirements on responsible persons, and it is therefore important that you familiarise yourself and understand the requirements relevant to your building/s. Full guidance and factsheets have been made available by the Home Office and provided via the link below.

The information hub on our website has guidance on the requirements of the legislation, links to the Government's website as well as further guidance and a series of FAQs. It also provides the platform by which those RPs of high-rise residential buildings in West Sussex can share the information required by the legislation. You can access all of this by visiting www.westsussex.gov.uk/firesafetyact.

If you have any questions, please contact us at West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, Fire Safety department using the details above.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Abigail Link'.

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