

International Fire Safety Standards - the Urgent Need

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SUMMARY

The pioneering development of International Fire Safety Standards (IFSS) has the support of the United Nations and the World Bank, together with over 80 member associations around the world as a result of the awful Grenfell Tower fire tragedy in London in June 2017 highlighting the lack of consistent global fire safety standards. The Coalition was launched at the UN in July 2018.

There has never been a greater need, in the public interest, to bring together professional bodies, standard setters, governments and users of standards to ensure best practice is shared, lessons learned, and standards are set at a high level across the world to ensure the safety of residents, occupiers and the public in buildings, infrastructure and wildfire.

This full paper and the associated seminar, will explore the contradictions, the lack of consistency, the lack of standards altogether in some countries, and how the IFSS Coalition is driving this work forwards with the publication of it's first high level principles of fire safety.

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