

# Programme

## Safe as houses: The safety challenges ahead for leasehold teams Thursday 26 November 2020

Safety is very much the watchword for leaseholders in 2020. It is top priority. The Building Safety Bill and Fire Safety Bill have been progressing through Parliament. The government wants to improve building and fire safety so residents will feel safer in their homes.

The Grenfell Tower Inquiry is still very much in the public eye. Cladding remains a highly contentious issue. The Hackitt Review found fundamental flaws in the system and called for reform and a change of culture. The onus should now be on everyone involved to manage the risks and enforce high standards.

**13:30 Introductions and format of the event**

**John Gargan, Associate, The Leasehold Network**

**13:35 Building safety – government changes and how they will impact**

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**13:55 Fire safety – the ongoing challenges for social landlords (leasehold teams)**

**Tony Bolder, Fire Safety Consultant, SafetyNet**

**14:25 Break**

**14:35 Gas safety – the latest issues; getting it right and the persistent ‘wrongs’**

**Dean Battley, Head of Stakeholder Relations, Gas Safe Register**

**15:00 H&S legislation – the latest case law and the consequences of getting it wrong**

**Tris Meears-White, Associate, Ward Hadaway LLP**

**15:30 Break**

**15:40 Tribunal case study; reflections on a successful outcome.... but still a cautious road ahead**

**Deborah Viljoen, Head of Home Ownership, Catalyst**

**16:00 Funding building safety whilst maintaining reasonableness of service charges**

**Adrian Shaw, Head of Service Charges, Clarion Group**

**16:25 Summary and close**

**John Gargan, Associate, The Leasehold Network**