

The Need for International Fire Safety Standards and why the UN is Supporting this

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SUMMARY

The pioneering development of International Fire Safety Standards (IFSS) now has the support of the United Nations and the World Bank, together with over 50 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.

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.

This paper, 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.

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