

FIRE SAFETY ISSUES

As a firm, we are actively advising a number of clients on Grenfell-related fire-safety issues, including investigation and remediation of fire doors, fire compartmentation and wider fire-safety issues.

We have highlighted our key points of contact for each of our specialist areas. Please get in touch with us if you have concerns about fire-safety risks or have any other questions in relation to these areas.

CONSTRUCTION DISPUTES

Areas of expertise:

Advising on claims against contractors and consultants for the recovery of costs relating to fire-safety defects, including:

- GRP composite doors;
- ACM cladding;
- Defective sprinkler installation;
- Advice regarding fire enforcement notices; and
- Fire stopping and compartmentation issues, including decanting residents.



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GOVERNANCE

Areas of expertise:

- Directors' and officers' duties in relation to health and safety;
- Liaising with the Regulator of Social Housing; and
- Advising in relation to regulatory issues arising out of breach of the Home Standard.



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Fire-safety improvement works and defect remediation schemes for defective fire doors and ACM cladding.



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REGULATORY

Areas of expertise:

- Advice on fire-safety compliance;
- Responding to and challenging enforcement notices; and
- Advice and representation in relation to fire-safety investigations and prosecutions.



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Areas of expertise:

Advising on:

- The operation of lease terms and the regulatory position, under the 2005 Order;
- The liability of residential tenants to meet costs of recladding works under service-charge provisions in the leases of buildings; and
- Obligations in respect to high-rise portfolio following Grenfell.

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Areas of expertise:

- Advice on gaining access to tenanted and leasehold dwellings for the purpose of delivering fire safety works, along with the recovery of costs from leaseholders; and
- Advising on the decanting of residents from buildings affected by fire-safety issues.