



Building Control Northern Ireland  
**Fire Safety Panel**



**FIRE  
SAFETY  
CONFERENCE**

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Armagh City Hotel, 2 Friary Road, Armagh, BT60 4FR

**“Advancing the Fire  
Safety Message”**

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## Conference:

Welcome to this, the twenty second annual Fire Safety Conference, organised by the Northern Ireland Fire Safety Liaison Panel.

The aim of the Conference is to raise awareness in the protection of citizens who occupy the built environment, by the sharing of knowledge and expertise through this multi-agency forum

The Fire Safety Liaison Panel encompasses the disciplines of:

- Local Council Building Control
- The Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service
- The Entertainment Licensing Officers Forum, and
- The NIHE-HMO Unit.

This year our Conference will focus on “**Advancing The Fire Safety Message**”

Our speakers have been drawn from various disciplines in the field of fire safety and include fire safety professionals, fire brigade, product manufacturers and suppliers, trade bodies, research establishments and fire investigators. The conference will examine current issues across a range of building types and occupancy profiles. These will include domestic premises through to large commercial and multi-storey premises, including those to which the public are admitted to socialise. Topics will explore facades on high rise buildings, fighting fires in such buildings, responsibilities of owners / occupiers, evacuation behaviour, forensics- DNA and how communication is essential in advancing fire safety. The presentations will include a number of case studies, ensuring the event will be interactive, and will involve audience participation and opportunities for questions; it equates to **10 hours CPD**.

We trust you will find the Conference beneficial, educational and entertaining. Each year we strive to raise the standards of fire safety and awareness of the need to consider fire safety in everyday scenarios you may face.

**#AdvancingTheFireSafetyMessage**



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## Programme Day 1 - 8th February:

- 08:30 – 09:30                    **Registration and Refreshments**  
Networking / Trade Exhibitors
- 09:30 – 09:40                    **Welcome Address**  
Gareth Wilson, Lord Mayor Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council.
- 09:40 – 09:45                    **Introduction to Conference and Daily Themes**  
Sean McConville – Chairman of the BCNI Fire Safety Panel
- 09:45 – 10:30                    **External Thermal Insulation Composite Systems**  
Merlyn Forrer – Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service
- 10:30 – 11:15                    **Sprinkler Reliability & Effectiveness**  
Ian Gough – BAFSA
- 11:15 – 11:30                    **Morning Refreshments & Trade Talks**  
Networking / Trade Exhibitors
- 11:30 – 12:15                    **Trade Talks**  
Trade Exhibitors
- 12:15 – 13:00                    **Assessing & Communicating Fire Safety in Tower Blocks – A Landlord’s Perspective**  
David Adamson, NIHE
- 13:00 – 14:00                    **Lunch**  
Networking / Trade Exhibitors
- 14:00 – 14:45                    **Importance of Fire Safety Information**  
Ben Bradford, BB7
- 14:45 – 15:30                    **Sustainability, Insulation and Fire - are they compatible?**  
Larry Cody, Anthesis Group
- 15:30 – 15:45                    **Refreshments**  
Networking / Trade Exhibitors
- 15:45 – 16:30                    **The Future of Fire Safety in High Rise Residential Buildings**  
David Ware, Fire Risk Consultancy Ltd
- 16:30                                **Chairman’s Closing Remarks**  
Sean McConville – Chairman of the BCNI Fire Safety Panel



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## Programme Day 2 - 9th February:

08:45 – 09:30	<b>Registration</b> Networking / Trade Exhibitors
09:30 – 09:40	<b>Introduction to Day Two</b> Chairman – ACFO Alan Walmsley, NIFRS
09:40 – 10:30	<b>The Role of DNA in Fire Investigation – Q&amp;A</b> Dr Dorothy Ramsbottom, Forensic Science Ireland
10:30 – 11:15	<b>Safe Evacuation for All – Fact or Fantasy?</b> Dr Karen Boyce, Ulster University
11:15 – 11:50	<b>Morning Refreshments</b> Networking / Trade Exhibitors
11:50 – 12:40	<b>High Rise Buildings &amp; Fighting Fires – The Challenges</b> Geoff Somerville, NIFRS
12:40 – 13:50	<b>Lunch</b> Networking / Trade Exhibitors
13:50 – 14:40	<b>Fire Safety of Facades – What are the Challenges?</b> Roy Weghorst, Kingspan Group
14:40 – 15:30	<b>Effective Fire Compartmentation Prevents Fire Spread – How is this achieved &amp; who is responsible?</b> David O'Reilly, Association for Specialist Fire Protection Ireland
15:30	<b>Chairman's Closing Remarks</b> Sean McConville – Chairman of the BCNI Fire Safety Panel
	<b>Conference Close</b>

Bookings to: **Joanne Virtue** at [firesafetypanel@gmail.com](mailto:firesafetypanel@gmail.com) on behalf of the BCNI Fire Safety Panel  
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**Please note – Programme may be subject to change.**