

New building regulations – how PTSG ensures safety and compliance

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A senior spokesperson for the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) has spoken of the Building Safety Act 2022 and how there is nothing in them for building contractors to fear.

Neil Hope-Collins said it was “absolutely shocking and hugely disappointing” that many companies simply make no attempt to prepare for the new regime. Many would rather bury their heads in the sand than study the details, wrongly assuming the act covers only high-risk buildings. However, if they were to take just a little time, they would see that the act largely mirrors the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations that have been in place since 1995.

Premier Technical Services Group Ltd (PTSG), as one of the UK’s leading providers of specialist services to the construction and FM sectors, is only too aware of the ongoing inertia among some firms to enlighten themselves of their responsibilities regarding bringing their buildings in line with the latest regulations to improve user safety.

PTSG is works with responsible persons to provide expert advice and deliver the required specialist services and equipment to ensure buildings are fully operational and compliant to maximise user safety.

Fire Safety

The new Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022, which come into effect on 23 January 2023, are something else which Duty Holders need to prepare for regarding the compliance of their assets – and the safety of building users, which is, of course, the ultimate consideration.

Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 are being introduced under Article 24 of the Fire Safety Order

2005. Regulations made under article 24 can impose requirements on responsible persons in relation to mitigating the risk to residents for specific premises.

The Fire Safety Order applies to all premises including workplaces and the common parts of all multi-occupied residential buildings. It already requires responsible persons where necessary to take certain steps to ensure the safety of residents.

PTSG's passive fire services

Each year, PTSG delivers passive fire services to thousands of properties across the UK. They are provided as part of a rolling programme of inspection and/or rectification works. Strictly following fire safety reforms and building regulations, PTSG's engineers remove fire safety risk from occupied buildings, keeping them safe for all users.

PTSG's passive fire team comprises technicians who hold the BM Trada Q-mark certification for Fire Door Installation and Maintenance. Every one of our operatives is FIRAS certified.

- FIRAS (Penetration Sealing Systems, Cavity Barriers, Fire Door Maintenance, Timber Fire Doors & Composite Fire Doors)
- BM Trada (Q-Mark Fire Door Installation to STD052 and Q-Mark Fire Door Maintenance to STD058)
- LPCB (LPS 1271 – LPS 1531 and LPS 1197)

Paul Teasdale, CEO of PTSG, said: "Our ultimate goal is to protect people and infrastructure. As one of the leading providers of specialist services within the market sectors we serve, we help over 20,000 customers to keep their buildings and assets compliant – in all sectors.

"Not only does this ensure they satisfy their legal requirements, it means they operate more efficiently. They can also be safe in the knowledge that they are ethically sound. ESG is now at the top of the agenda across the industry, and we can help to ensure our customers are 'doing the right thing' in many areas of their business.