

# Guidance on the criteria for being a Higher-Risk Building

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The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) have published two sets of guidance:

- Criteria for determining whether an existing building is a higher-risk building during building work; and
- Criteria for determining whether a new building that is being designed and constructed is a higher-risk building.

Both sets of guidance relate to the legal criteria for determining whether a building is considered a higher-risk building and aim to help potential dutyholders and accountable persons identify whether they are responsible for a building in scope of the higher-risk regime.

In addition, DLUHC have made some updates to the already published in occupation guidance. Key changes include:

- Minor adjustments in language to make the guidance clearer, particularly regarding how to count storeys and how to consider lightwell areas;
- Clarification has been made that other methods or guidance cannot be used when assessing whether your occupied building is a higher-risk building; and
- Diagrams 9 and 12 have been updated.

All 3 guidance documents can be found [here](#).