

We Are Facing One Major Threat Across Many Sectors, Says Fire Aware

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Growing fire safety organisation [Fire Aware](#) is emphasising the need for cultural change across multiple sectors which are particularly vulnerable to fire risk.

The industry body – which is attracting more members as it seeks to unite members beyond legislation – is highlighting the sectors of relevance as well as property and construction including hospitality, healthcare, the public sector and retail.

Fire Aware CEO Gavin Skelly said: “Fire Aware crosses the boundaries of sectors that have responsibilities for end-user safety.

“This is not just about construction companies. We are working with any organisation that wants to show the public that they are responsible and are committing to only delivering the safest outcome for their staff, clients and customers.”

He cited those sectors with particular responsibilities who work and move about in their buildings including hospitality which oversees the many bars, restaurants and hotels which are trusted to protect their customers and staff.

Healthcare, too, is a sector of focus which has to protect many vulnerable and elderly people many of whom are ill or cannot look after themselves in the event of a real fire.

Gavin Skelly added: “Working in this industry is a vocation, not a job, and should be treated as such. All parts of the supply chain across multiple sectors should work with the same vocational approach, not just those who are qualified to do so.

“The legislation being introduced is robust and also quite complex. The guidance and support we offer will help navigate the relevant parts for our members and for anyone else wishing to tap onto this knowledge and intelligence.”

The expanding industry body is leading the way by focusing on the moral responsibility of all those working in the fire safety supply chain including designers, developers, asset owners, managers and other stakeholders.

It aims to change the culture of the built environment sector by introducing a moral code of conduct via a series of charters designed to influence how member companies behave in upholding their duty of care.

Fire Aware is a recognised membership body serving the built environment and related sectors with a common aim to work and trade responsibly to all best practice standards in the interests of the safety of the general public.