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WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2025, 9AM-1PM, ONLINE

This year's APS National Conference brings together leading experts, regulators, and practitioners to explore the critical pillars of building safety: competence, compliance, and culture.

With keynote speaker Dame Judith Hackitt, we'll begin by examining the new regulatory landscape post-Grenfell and the evolving challenges of demonstrating professional competence.

Across two focused sessions, the conference will explore the role of building safety and higher risk buildings in England, legal responsibilities under new safety laws, best practice case studies, and practical strategies for achieving consistent compliance. A high-level panel of industry leaders will address how we move from policy to practice, while international perspectives and cross-nation insights will broaden the conversation on shared challenges and opportunities.

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9:00 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Andrew Leslie, CEO, Association for Project Safety

SESSION 1: DEMONSTRATING COMPETENCE IN A POST-GRENFELL WORLD

9:10 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: BUILDING SAFETY – THE LONG JOURNEY CONTINUES

Dame Judith Hackitt

9:30 BUILDING REGULATIONS DUTY HOLDERS: COMPETENCE, ROLES, AND THE ICC FRAMEWORK

Daniel Barrowcliffe, HSE Industry Competence Policy Lead

9:50 CASE STUDIES: BEST PRACTICES & LESSONS LEARNED

Jonathan King, Safer Sphere

Best practice and lessons learned from appointment to delivery - design risk management and compliance.

10:10 LEGAL SPOTLIGHT: UNDERSTANDING YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES & RISKS

Kizzy Augustin, Mishcon De Reya LLP

Legal liabilities under new building safety laws In this focused legal update, Kizzy Augustin explores how building safety legislation impacts duty holders' responsibilities. She'll highlight key areas of liability, explain recent regulatory changes, and offer guidance on managing risk in a post-Grenfell era.

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10:30 BREAK (15 MINUTES)

SESSION 2: FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE – MAKING COMPLIANCE WORK

10:45 PANEL DISCUSSION: OVERCOMING INDUSTRY CHALLENGES IN DEMONSTRATING COMPETENCE

How to get a uniform approach

This panel brings together industry leaders to explore how the built environment can adopt a more consistent, practical approach to demonstrating competence. With insights from professional bodies and regulators, the discussion will focus on bridging the gap between policy and practice—and what a unified standard could look like.

Panel Members:

Chair: Mark Snelling, President, Association for Project Safety

Anthony Taylor, Chair, Building Safety Alliance

Richard Harral, CEO, Chartered Association of Building Engineers

Eddie Tuttle, Director of Policy, Research & Public Affairs, CIOB

Ian Newcombe, CIAT

11:20 LEARNING FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL COLLEAGUES

Alfredo Soeiro, ISHCCO & CIB W09 Member

Alfredo will explore whether the drive for construction health and safety stems more from ethical responsibility or professional obligation. Drawing on global perspectives, he'll examine how stakeholders view accident and disease prevention—moral duty or technical necessity—and what truly motivates safe practices.

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11:40 BREAK (10 MINUTES)

11:50 PANEL DISCUSSION: WORKING ACROSS BORDERS

This panel brings together representatives from Scotland, England, Wales, and Northern Ireland to share perspectives on how building safety and competence are being approached across the UK. The discussion will highlight regional differences, shared challenges, and opportunities for greater collaboration in achieving consistent, practical compliance across borders.

Panel members:

Chair: Andrew Leslie, CEO, APS

England: Mark Snelling, President, APS

Scotland: Gary Mees, Gary Mees Architectural Technology

Wales: Bryn Wilde, President Elect, President, APS

Northern Ireland: Joan McCoy, White Ink Architects

12:10 WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM ENFORCEMENT ACTION - A REVIEW OF RECENT ACTIVITY

Philip Baker, APS Fellow

There are many sources guiding where we should focus our health, safety, and wellbeing efforts in construction, regardless of our role. One of the most valuable is the experience of others. While success stories are rarely shared—despite APS's efforts to promote them—there is still plenty to learn from failure. In this session, Philip explores recent enforcement actions and court cases to highlight common patterns, key lessons, and where our attention should be directed.

12:40 CLOSING REMARKS

Mark Snelling, President, APS

13:00 CONFERENCE CLOSE

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MEET THE SPEAKERS



**DAME JUDITH
HACKITT**



**ANDREW LESLIE
CEO, APS**



**DANIEL BARROWCLIFFE
HSE INDUSTRY
COMPETENCE POLICY
LEAD**



**JONATHAN KING
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