



**KEY TAKEAWAYS**

# 2024 LEGISLATION UPDATES

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## Building and Fire Safety

### **Building Safety Act 2022**

Fully operational duty-holder requirements and a new building control regime since April 2024.

### **Updates to Approved Document B**

Includes provisions for sprinklers in care homes (effective March 2025) and second staircases in 18m+ residential buildings (effective September 2026).

### **Grenfell Tower Inquiry Report**

Final report published, addressing root causes of the tragedy.

## Other Health and Safety

### **Martyn's Law (Terrorism Protection of Premises Bill)**

Introduced to enhance public security in response to the 2017 Manchester Arena attack.

### **Product Regulation and Metrology Bill**

Covers safety and regulation for nearly all manufactured products, aiming to address modern safety issues and economic growth.

### **Lithium-ion Battery Safety Bill**

Focuses on safe storage, use, and disposal of lithium-ion batteries, including micromobility vehicles.

### **Pressure Equipment (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

Eases compliance for pressure equipment manufacturers, incorporating UK and EEA standards.

## Environment

### **ISO Standards Updates**

Key management standards now include climate change considerations, with amendments emphasising organisational evaluation of and response to climate change.

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**Building and Fire Safety Overhaul**

The Grenfell Tower tragedy reshaped the UK's approach to building safety. After years of reviews, the Building Safety Act 2022 and other laws are in full swing. Here's what has changed:

**New Rules for Inspectors:** From April 2024, all building control will be handled by registered building control approvers and inspectors. New "duty-holder" requirements also came into effect.

**Fire Safety Standards Upgraded:** Updates to Approved Document B (Fire Safety) include mandatory sprinklers in all new care homes, better evacuation plans, and stricter fire testing standards.

**Grenfell Inquiry Closes:** The second and final report, published this year, wraps up a seven-year investigation into the causes and lessons of the 2017 disaster.

**What's Next?**

**March 2025 Changes:** Expect sprinklers in all new care homes, smaller living areas (max 10 beds per compartment), and self-closing doors.

**September 2026 Additions:** Flats over 18 meters will need a second staircase and evacuation-friendly lifts.

**Martyn's Law: A Push for Public Safety**

Named after Martyn Hett, a victim of the 2017 Manchester Arena attack, the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill is moving through Parliament. Dubbed "Martyn's Law," it aims to protect the public by requiring UK venues to consider and prepare for terror threats.

**New Product Regulations**

A raft of laws is addressing safety, sustainability, and modern risks across industries:

**Product Regulation and Metrology Bill:** Covers nearly all manufactured goods, ensuring products meet high safety standards while keeping UK businesses competitive.

**Lithium-ion Battery Safety Bill:** Tackles risks from unsafe batteries, focusing on safe storage, use, and disposal, especially for electric vehicles and online sales.

**Pressure Equipment Rules Simplified:** New rules cut red tape for manufacturers while maintaining high safety standards in sectors like energy and healthcare.

**Environment: ISO Standards Get Greener**

The International Standards Organisation (ISO) now demands companies integrate climate change considerations into their management practices. Key changes include:

Identifying climate change as a business issue. Recognising customer and investor expectations around climate action.

Standards like **ISO 9001** (quality management) and **ISO 14001** (environmental management) have been updated to reflect these priorities.