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Dear colleague

Advice on Fire Safety

I know that you will be aware of the recent tragic fire at Grenfell Tower in London.

The Minister for Local Government and Housing wrote to all social landlords yesterday to confirm that he will convene a short term ministerial working group to review Scottish regulations and to take any necessary actions arising from this. We will consider what further steps, if any, we need to take when we know the outcomes from this work.

We are aware that many landlords moved swiftly to consider whether what happened in London raises any issues for fire safety in buildings they own or manage. We would ask all landlords, not just those with high rise properties, to consider this and to notify us immediately, if you identify any potential risks to the safety of tenants.

I know that local authorities and RSLs work closely with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to ensure the safety of tenants, particularly residents in high rise buildings. Specific safety information relating to high rise buildings is available on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service website at http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/media/332080/multi_storey_fire_safety.pdf.

If you require any further advice on safety information you can also contact your local Fire and Rescue Service.

In the meantime, if you have not already done so, you should consider whether you need to reassure your tenants about the steps you are taking as a landlord to identify any risk and remind tenants of the practical measures they can take to protect themselves from fire.

I hope this is helpful and please let me know if there are any actions you think we could take to further protect tenants.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Cameron
Chief Executive