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Building Regulations Update

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New Ministerial team





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Building Safety Programme: Origin & Purpose

After the Grenfell Tower fire we established a building safety programme

Following the Grenfell tragedy it was essential for the Government to immediately establish whether there was an imminent risk to other buildings

A possible contributory factor was the Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) cladding on Grenfell Tower.

A process was set up to enable building owners to test the cladding on their buildings and for the Government to track information

It quickly became apparent that as well as specific ACM screening tests, cladding system tests were required

Residents of high rise buildings are safe and feel safe from the risk of fire, now and in the future.



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Context

The programme is working in the context of an investigation, inquest and the public inquiry

Police investigation – what happened, has anybody broken the law?

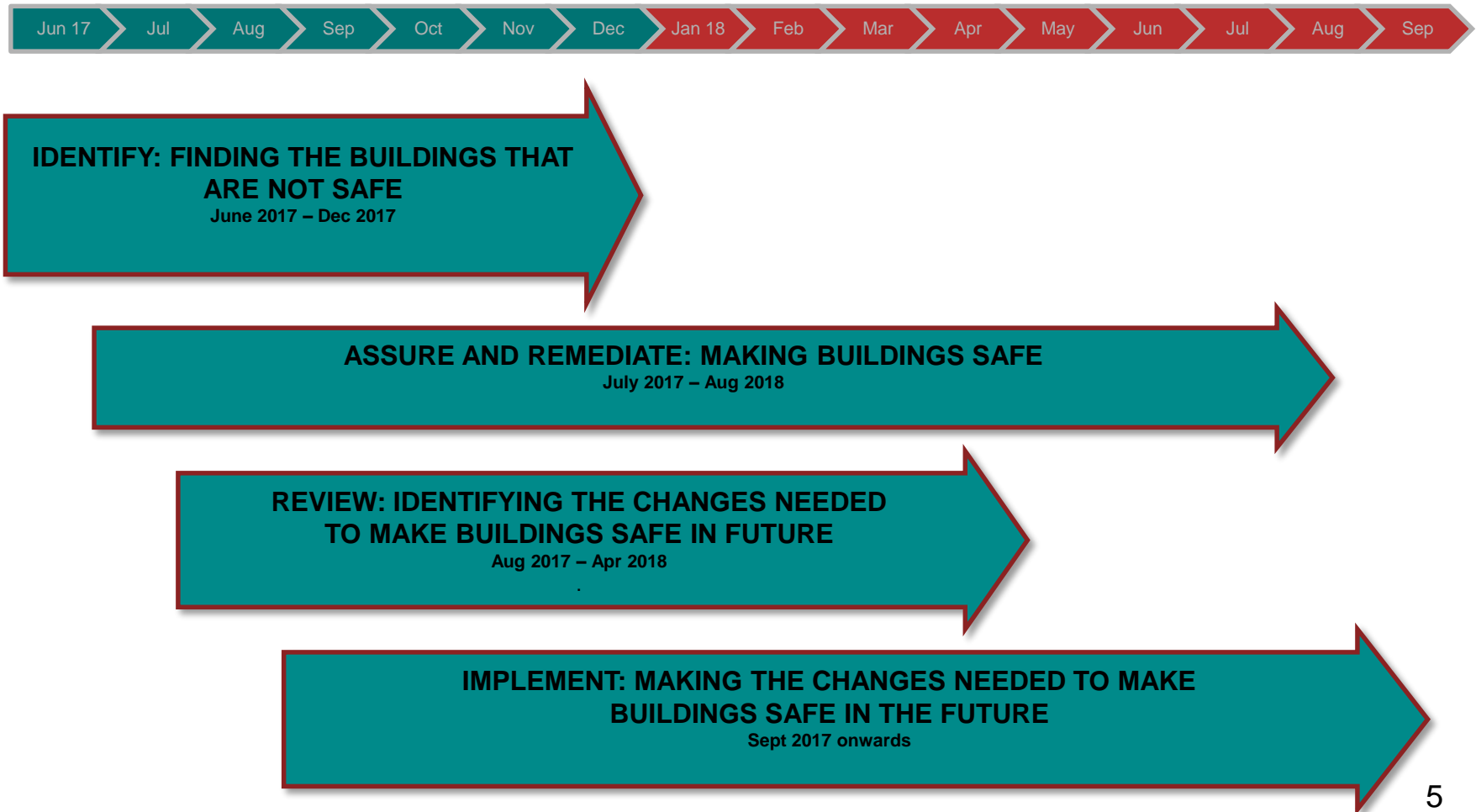
Coroners Inquest – Who died and how?

Public Inquiry – How did this incident happen - can we stop it happening again?



The Building Safety Programme

The Programme has four stages





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Finding the Buildings that are not safe

We have been identifying unsafe buildings and know the extent of the cladding issues in social housing

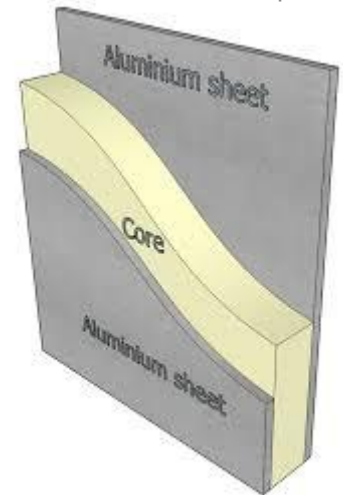
The first strand of the programme begun immediately following the tragic fire.

It is focussed on identifying the high rise residential buildings with unsafe cladding systems through data collection and testing at BRE.

For social housing there are some 5,500 high rise buildings in England, and 173 of them are clad in ACM (around 3% of buildings) and 165 with ACM that failed fire safety tests.

The next phase will build the picture for privately owned buildings.

Picture: wikipedia



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Building Safety Programme

To make buildings safe we have issued advice to landlords after the 7 large scale system tests and are working with industry to support remedial action

The second strand of the programme is focused on making buildings safe.

We have issued advice to building owners in the light of the information from the seven large scale system tests.
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/building-safety-programme>

An Industry Response Group (IRG) made up of representatives from the construction industry will help ensure the sector can meet the challenges of remediating buildings.

Further advice will follow on remedial work.

Guidance Building Safety Programme

From: Department for Communities and Local Government
Published: 20 July 2017
Last updated: 6 September 2017, see all updates

A co-ordinated national response to the fire at Grenfell To

Contents

- Latest advice for landlords and building owners
- Further advice for landlords and building owners
- Financial information for local authorities and housing associations
- Independent expert advisory panel
- Screening, testing and wall cladding systems programme
- Industry response group

[Register for weekly Building](#)

The Department for Communities established the Building Safety concern through a thorough che

With the support of local fire an expert advisers, DCLG is support ensure the safety of residents at

The screenshot shows the BRE website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, What we do, Services, Contact Us, Careers, Press & Media, News & Information, and Open Access. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with categories: Certification & Approvals, Testing, BREEAM, BRE Academy, Research & Innovation, Sustainability, Events, and A-Z of services. A search bar is located on the right side of this bar.

The main content area features a large green header with the text "Grenfell Tower Fire: ACM cladding testing". Below the header, there is a breadcrumb trail: "You are here: Home > News & Information > Grenfell Tower ACM testing".

The page content is organized into two columns. The left column contains a "News & Information" sidebar with links for Grenfell Tower ACM testing, Press Releases, Case Studies, Projects & reports, BRE Flood Resilient Home, BRE - in print and on tv, BRE - in print and on tv, BuildingChange, Register for our e-news, BRE Group on Twitter, and BRE photos on Flickr.

The right column contains the main article titled "Grenfell Tower Fire: ACM cladding testing". The article text states: "Information relating to the cladding test programme being undertaken by BRE on behalf of the Department for Communities and Local Government, DCLG, will be posted here." Below this, there is a section for "Essentially asked questions and information for the press and media are at the foot of this page". The article is dated "Posted 21 August" and includes a sub-heading "DCLG guidance: fire safety of your building". It also mentions "Information for owners and residents: Read about fire on the DCLG website" and "Sign up to receive building safety updates as they are released by DCLG Register for weekly Building Safety Programme email updates". The article is dated "Posted 29 August".

At the bottom right of the page, there is a "Contact" section with the text "E BRE Customer Service: +44 (0)115 321 1811" and "BRE Customer Service". There are also social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.



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Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety

Led by Dame Judith Hackitt.

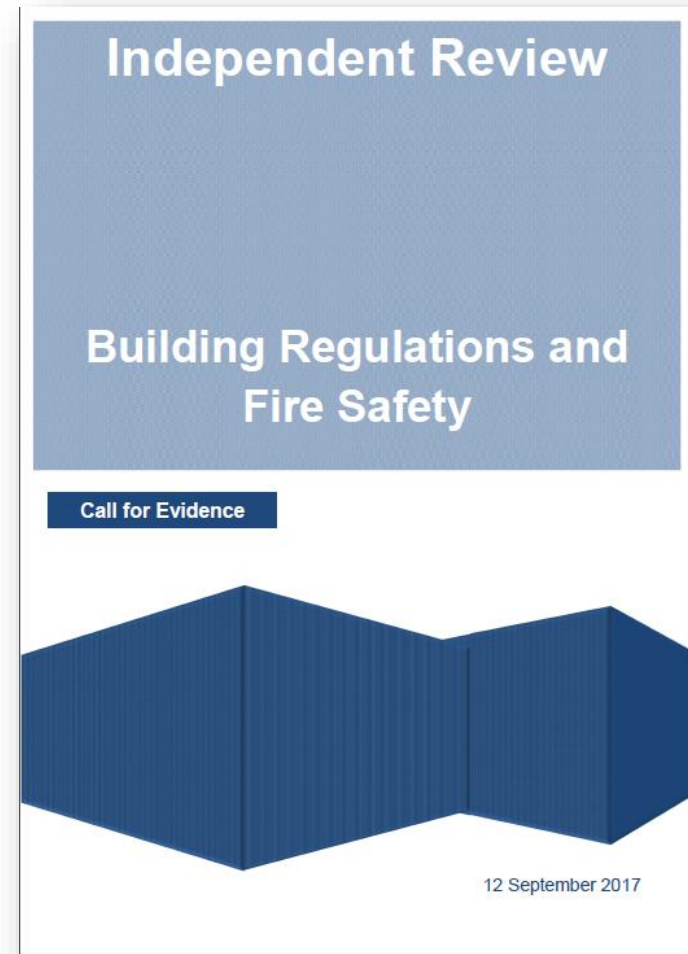
Responses by 13 October 2017

BuildingRegulationsandFireSafetyReview@communities.gsi.gov.uk

To report jointly to Communities Secretary,
Sajid Javid and Home Secretary, Amber
Rudd.

Interim report autumn 2017.

Final report spring 2018.





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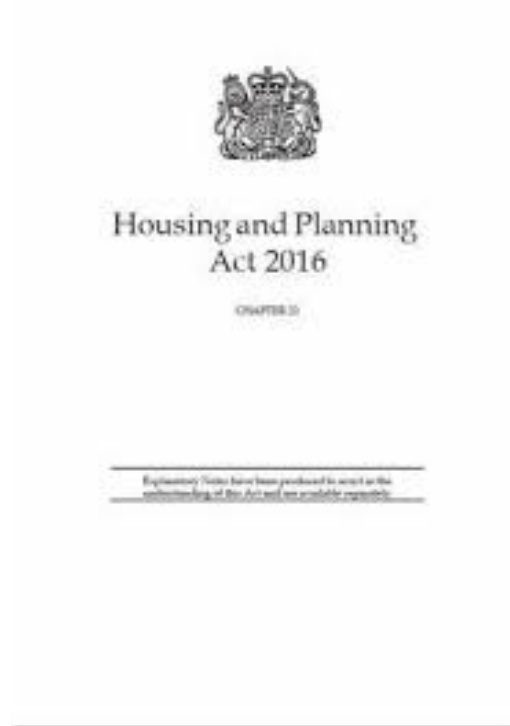
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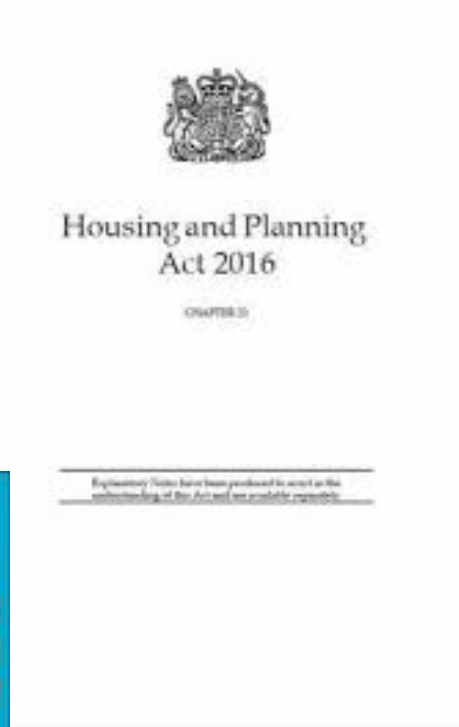
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House of Commons
Women and Equalities
Committee

Building for Equality: Disability and the Built Environment

Ninth Report of Session 2016–17

*Report, together with formal minutes
relating to the report*

*Ordered by the House of Commons to be printed
19 April 2017*



European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

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To repeal the European Communities Act 1972 and make other provision in connection with the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU.

*Presented by Secretary David Davis
supported by
The Prime Minister,
The Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Secretary Damian Green,
Secretary Boris Johnson and
Secretary David Lidington.*

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