

Note –Fire Protection Issues

Following the tragedy at Grenfell Tower, we are aware that members are experiencing issues arising as a result of the increased focus on fire protection issues. These include:

- A 30% hike in PI cover premiums;
- An increased interest from freeholders in relation to safety concerns;
- Members being asked to provide details of products used in projects that have been finished for some considerable time;
- Contractors walking off site in response to increased concerns about their installations;
- Members being placed under pressure by contractors to provide warranties or guarantees for products well after they have been installed on a project.

Other issues which may arise could include:

- Changes to contracts and terms and conditions regarding additional fire safety requirements or standards to adhere to.
- Employers seeking clarification or making changes to cladding and other specifications in contracts.

Please exercise extreme caution if you are asked to provide a warranty or a guarantee for a product in circumstances where this is not your responsibility, the project has long since finished or you are not in a position to be able to provide any such assurance. In the first instance, please contact the Bond Dickinson helpline for advice before committing yourselves to any action. If the query is of a technical nature in relation to fire testing of products or systems, please contact the FIS Technical Manager Joe Cilia.