#### **Fire Safety Regulation**

#### Past, Present & Future

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### **Historical overview**



- Building (Scotland) Act 1959
- Building (Scotland) Regulations 1964
- Post War Building Studies



#### **Notable Fires**



- William Henderson & Sons, Liverpool.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1960
- 11 died.
- Introduction of the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963.



#### **Notable Fires**



- B Stern & Co Upholstery Warehouse.
- James Watt St, Glasgow.
- 18<sup>th</sup> November 1968
- 22 died.



### **Notable Fires**



- The Rose & Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden.
- 26<sup>th</sup> December 1969.
- 11 died.
- Introduction of the Fire Precautions Act 1971





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### Fire Precautions Act 1971

- First introduced for Hotels only
- Followed by places of work
- Only considered employees (numbers dictated)
- Certificate was issued for premises
- Prescriptive standards unchanged for life of building



### Legislation keeps changing

• Bradford City FC 1985



Kings Cross
Underground 1987







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- Vegetable Warehouse, Atherstone on Stour.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2007.
- 4 Firefighters died.
- Amendments in Standard Operating Procedures across the country.





- 83 Waddell Court, Glasgow
- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009
- 1 Fatality





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- Steak & Cherry Restaurant, Glasgow
- Tenement Property of different use.
- Fire spread on all floors





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### **Modern Methods of Construction**





- Charlotte Street, Glasgow
- Timber Framed Building





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### **Modern Methods of Construction**





- Sherry Drive, Holytown
- Timber Framed Building







# Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

- Part 3 is Specific to Fire Safety and introduced in October 2006.
- Regulations made under the Act
- Places responsibility with dutyholders
- Risk based inspection regime by the FRS
- Embraces the enforcement principles of the Good Enforcement Concordat



# Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

- Makes provision for a single Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.
- Major challenges in achieving a consistent and strategically led enforcement regime across Scotland.



#### **Common Approach**

SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS





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### **Scottish Fire & Rescue Service**

- Knowledge and experiences shared.
- Consistent and standardised approach.
- Immediate deployment of resources.





#### **One Large Resource**



- Learning Outcomes shared.
- Technological advances with equipment and fire fighting techniques.
- Three Centres of Fire Engineering Excellence.
- Dedicated Fire Investigation Teams.
- Consistency and Better Regulation.



#### **Questions?**



