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Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

It's time for change. Each year the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service attend more than 28,000 false alarms from workplace automatic fire alarms, known as AFAs.

They want to reduce this number and use this time to do more for the communities they serve.

They have developed three options for how they might achieve this reduction – in partnership with staff and key stakeholders – and want to hear your views on them. They have launched a 12-week public consultation which runs from 19 July to 11 October.

You can find out more and have your say [here](#).



FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Scottish Advice Notes: Determining the fire risk posed by external wall systems in existing multi-storey residential buildings (Published 4 August 2021)



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This Scottish Advice Note (SAN) provides advice for those responsible for fire safety in residential buildings including building owners/managers/residents groups responsible for determining the fire risk posed by external wall systems on existing multi-storey residential buildings. It will also be of interest to fire risk assessors and specialist external wall appraisal experts.

Purpose

The purpose of this Advice Note is to assist in determining the fire risk posed by external wall systems in existing multi-storey residential buildings. This will require a fire safety risk assessment and, in some cases, an intrusive appraisal of the external wall system. The aim of both is to ensure that people are not placed at undue risk of harm as a result of fire spread over or within the external wall system.

This Advice Note is concerned with life safety.

For the purpose of this Advice Note, an external wall system includes the external wall cladding system (including cavity barriers and any insulation material behind the outer cladding), spandrel panels, window infill panels, balconies, solar shading and any other architectural feature or attachment to the external building structure. The main body of this Note deals with cladding systems and [Annex 1](#) contains information on other external wall system features.

You can read more [here](#) and see Annex 2 [here](#).