

Safety in your building

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Dear residents,

Progress on building safety remediation

We've previously let you know that we're following government guidance following the Grenfell tragedy by investigating the external wall systems of our buildings. We've used a prioritisation tool to group our buildings into priority groups and we're currently working on the group your building is in.

We've made good progress on the investigations of the buildings in your priority category. I'm pleased to say that so far, the fire engineers have not found any issues which require remediation; while this will not directly affect your building's investigation, we hope that it bodes well for the ones to come.

We're getting ready to send out the next round of investigation dates so you may receive your building's date soon. If not, we will write again in March to update you on the progress we've made.

Government funding

As of yet, there is no government cladding fund for building's below 11 metres tall – your building falls into this category. If we do find any issues, we will do everything we can to pursue all relevant third parties for costs such as insurers, warranty providers and contractors.

Next steps

As a reminder, after we have investigated your building, one of two things will happen:

- Our fire engineer will let us know that no remediation is required to your building's external wall system. They'll then issue an EWS1 form (EWS - external wall system) which certifies the fire risk at your property and can be a requirement of lenders to sell or remortgage.
- Or**
- Our fire engineer will let us know that remediation is required. We will then work to put together a remediation plan, appoint a contractor, determine a course of funding and keep you updated along the way. After the remediation is complete, our fire engineer will then be able to issue an EWS1 form.

You can check our [document library](https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/mybuildingdocuments/) for your building's previous letters and documents – it takes a little while to load: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/mybuildingdocuments/>. You can also get in touch with us on customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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A summary of this letter

We're making good progress on investigating the buildings in your priority group.

We'll either write next in March or will let you know your buildings investigation date before then.