



The Excellence in Health and Safety Network

| SAFETYnet

In touch with tomorrow

With ever-tightening legislation and a broadening scope of responsibility for housing providers, the risks are all too real. Gas safety, corporate manslaughter, fire risk, accidents at work, lone working, asbestos, Legionella, working at height – the list goes on.

HQN understands the need for a comprehensive resource in the field of health and safety, specialising in the needs of the housing sector. We are proud to announce the first national network devoted to housing health and safety: SAFETYnet.

Benefits of membership include briefings, benchmarking, workshops, shared practice and an exclusive feature: Ask the Lawyer. SAFETYnet looks out for the safety of your tenants, residents and employees, keeping your organisation on the right side of compliance with regulators and legislation.

If you need this information in an alternative format
(for example, large print) please contact safetynet@hqnetwork.co.uk

Why SAFETYnet?

The package

■ SAFETYnet 'knowledge exchange'

A knowledge base that allows members to source from other members, and from HQN's high calibre specialist health and safety consultants, answers to specific queries. The knowledge exchange also puts members in touch with one another on specific issues and disseminates responses to individual member requests.

■ SAFETYnet toolkits and resource packs

Uniquely available to SAFETYnet members, these provide up-to-date, user-friendly information on topical subjects including gas safety, driver safety, fire risk, manual handling, asbestos, Legionella, and risk assessment resources.

■ SAFETYnet briefings

Concise and up-to-date briefings on health-and-safety-related issues just for housing.

■ Ask-the-Lawyer service

Exclusive service to help keep your organisation compliant and informed from a legal perspective. Easy to access through a dedicated telephone number for SAFETYnet members.

■ SAFETYnet technical training

Specialised, in-depth, health and safety training to ensure you are protecting your employees and tenants from risk.

■ SAFETYnet research

Results of research projects and benchmarking exercises undertaken by HQN are made available to SAFETYnet members.

■ SAFETYnet SPD

The shared practice database – signposts members to examples of current and emerging best practice in the health and safety world. SAFETYnet SPD guarantees to provide the most up-to-date examples arising out of HSE investigations and other inspection activities, and is continuously updated.

■ SAFETYnet events

Discounted specialist health and safety seminars and training events held regularly on topics chosen by SAFETYnet members and delivered by authoritative speakers and top practitioners.

■ SAFETYnet info-share programme

Puts you in touch with another SAFETYnet member of similar size and type. You can share experiences, procedures and practices with each other.

■ SAFETYnet White Paper analysis

Our experts analyse the White Papers for you – so you get the highlights relevant to housing.

Membership profile

SAFETYnet membership will benefit anyone responsible for, or working in, the field of housing health and safety, whether they are client or service provider, ie:

- Health and safety professionals
- Maintenance commissioning staff
- Human resources and corporate services staff
- Direct labour organisations
- Maintenance and construction contractors
- Board/committee members.

Membership fees

Details of the SAFETYnet membership fees for 12 months' subscription can be found in the enclosed joining form.

Discounts are available for organisations that are already members of other HQN networks. Please email: safetynet@hqnetwork.co.uk or call us on **0845 4747 004** for further details.

The SAFETYnet team

Vicki Cutler

Network Manager, CMIOSH, MIIRSM, MCMI, MIVA

Vicki is a health and safety professional and chartered member of IOSH with experience in a range of sectors, including education and housing. For a number of years she worked as a dedicated adviser for South Staffordshire Housing Association, working with all sectors of the business, including supported living and the DLO. In previous years she has undertaken roles across a number of sectors in the field of health and safety. Vicki also holds a Diploma in Management Studies, is a qualified NVQ Assessor, and a three times winner of the RoSPA Gold Award.

Ron Reid

SAFETYnet lawyer

Ron is a partner with Shoosmiths, having joined them in 1974. He regularly advises and defends clients facing prosecution for breaches of health and safety legislation. He has experience of prosecuting more complex matters on behalf of the Health and Safety Executive, giving him a unique insight into the enforcement process and the major causes of prosecution.

Ron devises and delivers health and safety training courses tailored to clients' requirements. He is the secretary of the Food Industry Regional Safety Team (FIRST), Northamptonshire Occupational Safety, Health and Environment Association (NOSHEA) and is a director of the Radon Council. Chambers UK Legal Directory 2008 ranks Ron among the best of the UK for health and safety. He regularly delivers papers to national and international conferences and seminars.

Linda Spindley

Business Manager

In addition to providing business management services to the health and safety consultancy team, Linda develops SAFETYnet events, training, and new products for the SAFETYnet network.

She has experience working as an interim consultant and business planner for a three-star housing organisation. She has a PGDip in Public Administration, is PRINCE2 Practitioner qualified, and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH).

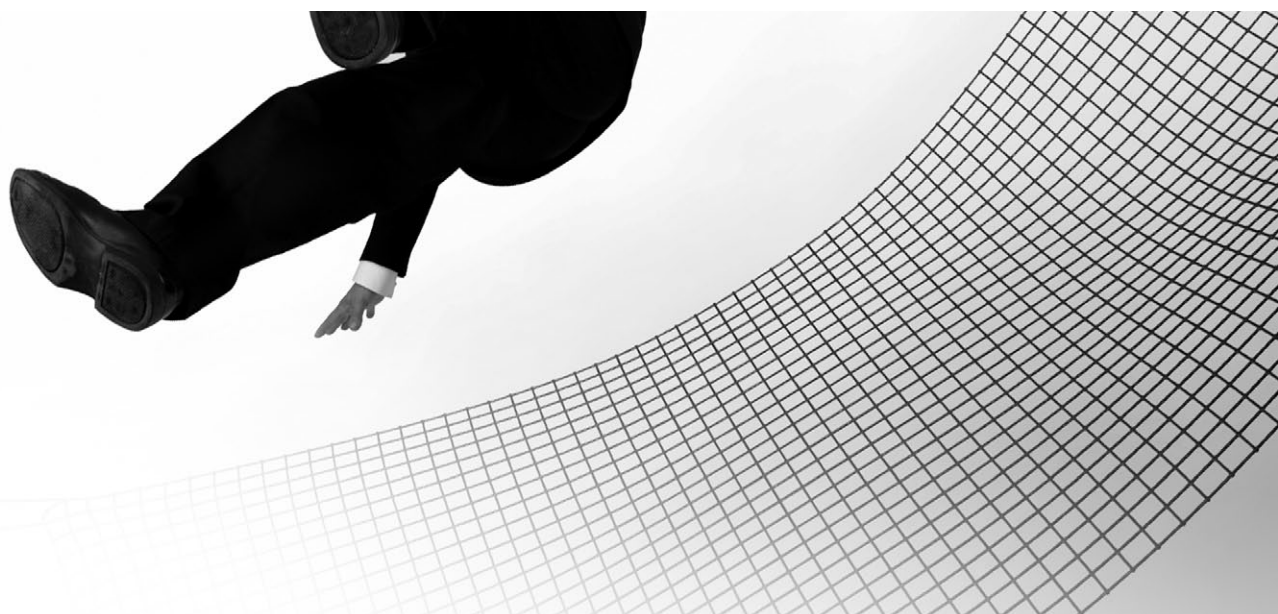
SAFETYnet consultancy

Through SAFETYnet, HQN offers specialist health and safety consultancy support on a range of services including interim and project management, training and development, and a wide selection of other innovative services tailored to meet your individual needs. These are provided at an additional cost; however, SAFETYnet members benefit from discounted rates.

Services include:

- Health and safety department service reviews
- Validation of gas safety procedures
- Risk assessment reviews

- Fleet management and safety reviews
- Evaluation of contractor health and safety policies
- Safety performance validation
- Reality and sense checks
- Technical training, mentoring and coaching
- Board member training
- Health and safety strategy development
- RoSPA Award consultancy support.





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SAFETYnet – one of a range of specialist networks run by HQN, a leading provider of information-based services to members, designed to help them achieve real improvements in the field of health and safety.

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Job title	
Organisation	
Address	
	Postcode
Telephone no.	Mobile no.
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How did you hear about the network?

SAFETYnet membership – 12 months' subscription is £820 plus VAT and I understand that I will be invoiced for this amount upon receipt of my joining form.

Signature

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