The Response to the Grenfell Tower Tragedy in London
- Building a Safer Future

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FETA is the recognised UK body representing the interests of over 400 manufacturers, suppliers, installers and contractors within the heating, ventilating, building controls, refrigeration & air conditioning industry to policy makers and the wider public.
Topics to be covered

• What was the incident?
• What has happened since?
• Aim being to share with you information which may be of use for your own advocacy.
The Grenfell Tower fire – 14 Jun 2017
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Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety:
Final Report

May 2018
Dame Judith Hackitt DBE FREng
Hackitt Review Recommendations

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• Review had a large number of recommendations.
• Government response Sep 2018
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  • The voices of residents often go unheard, even when safety issues are apparent.

Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government by Command of Her Majesty

September 2018
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• Interim report “Raising the Bar” issued.
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• “Raising the Bar” report addresses:
  • Developing role and remit of an overarching competence body.
  • Ensuring a coherent and consistent approach to raising and overseeing standards within each discipline.
  • Supporting the delivery of competent people.
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  • In various parts (domestic, non-domestic, new build, existing building).
  • Consultation period will run until early 2020.
  • Indirectly linked to Grenfell issues
  • For us the key elements are energy saving, ventilation and “overheating”.
AMCA interest?

Here at AMCA, we believe that both active and passive fire protection systems are needed to protect occupants and property from smoke and fire damage. This includes not only sprinklers but also fire and smoke dampers for isolation, fan-powered smoke evacuation systems and stairway pressurization systems.

AMCA is an active participant in the development and refinement of building codes and fire/life-safety codes and standards, including the following:

- NFPA 90A, Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems
- NFPA 90B, Standard for the Installation or Warm Air Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems
- NFPA 92, Standard for Smoke Control Systems
- NFPA 204, Standard for Smoke and Heat Venting
- NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code

**Technical articles on fans and dampers in fire/life safety systems:**

- 2015 Fire and Smoke Dampers: Best Practice Design Tips (White Paper)
- 2014 AMCA Guide for Commissioning and Periodic Performance Testing of Fire, Smoke and Other Life Safety Related Dampers
- 2012 Vickie Lovell, InterCode Life Safety Dampers are Essential
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Questions?

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