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Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, John Healey MP, responding to Sajid Javid's refusal to fund the retro-fitting of sprinklers in high-rise buildings on the Andrew Marr Show, said:

"Conservative Ministers were told four years ago to get sprinklers retro-fitted into high-rise buildings following two fatal tower block fires, but failed to act.

"Today, even after the terrible fire at Grenfell Tower, Sajid Javid has confirmed the government is still refusing to provide any funding to install sprinklers. This is a neglect of government's responsibility to worried residents across the country.

"Ministers should act now and help fund these vital fire safety measures, starting with the highest risk blocks."