## <u>Registration of buildings with</u> <u>Building Safety Regulator now underway</u>

Hundreds of high-rise buildings are being registered with the new building safety regulator as the stricter regime to protect residents begins.

Around 750 applications have been opened with the new Building Safety Regulator (BSR) since its registration process for high-rise buildings opened last month.

All high-rise residential buildings must be registered with BSR by law. Those responsible for the safety of buildings have until the end of September to register or face prosecution.

BSR is pleased with the early response from the building industry but is urging all owners and managers to act now. Up to 12,500 buildings in England are covered by the new regulator, set up in response to the Grenfell Fire tragedy and officially launched earlier this year.



High rise residential building in England

BSR is an independent body set-up by the Building Safety Act 2022 and part of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). Its launch is the biggest change in building safety for a generation.

HSE's Director of Building Safety, Philip White, said: "We're pleased with the early response from industry but I urge owners and managers to act now and register their buildings if they haven't already done so. This is a legal requirement they will have to meet by the end of September.

"Registration is a crucial part of the new regime and our efforts to ensure residents of high-rise buildings feel protected and safe in their homes."

High-rise residential buildings that are at least 18 metres in height or have seven or more floors containing at least two residential units must be registered with BSR.

Information on how to register and what details are required can be found

<u>here</u>. Building owners or managers must provide the number of floors at or above ground level, height in metres, the number of residential units, and the year of construction.

Guidance on the key building information (KBI) that will also need to be recorded under the new building safety laws has now been published <u>here</u>. This KBI registration element will then be added to the HRB online registration portal later this summer, allowing sufficient time for owners and managers of buildings to submit their KBI by the end of September.

Helpful information links with guidance on registering your high-rise building:

- <u>Register a high-rise residential building</u>
- You can watch our short walk-through video of the process
- <u>Get further guidance</u> to help you prepare for your registration application
- Visit our 'Making buildings safer' campaign site <a href="mailto:campaign.gov.uk">campaign.gov.uk</a>

## Notes to editors:

About BSR: The Building Safety Regulator (BSR) is an independent body established by the Building Safety Act, 2022, and is part of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). We will raise building safety and performance standards and oversee a new stringent regime for high-rise residential buildings, as well as overseeing the wider system for regulating safety and performance of all buildings, and, increasing the competence of relevant regulators and industry professionals.

**About HSE:** The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety. We prevent work-related death, injury and ill health through regulatory actions that range from influencing behaviours across whole industry sectors through to targeted interventions on individual businesses. These activities are supported by globally recognised scientific expertise.