

# Continuing Professional Development Certificate

## Sprinklers: Why we need them more than ever

**Date:** Tuesday 5 December 2017

**Time:** 1.15pm - 2.00pm

**Speaker:** Alan Brinson, Executive Director, European Fire Sprinkler Network

In this IIL lecture Alan Brinson reviewed sprinkler system performance, the increasing use of sprinklers in residential and commercial buildings and the implications of that for insurers.

Sprinklers are a highly effective fire protection tool, as confirmed by a recent analysis of fire brigade data. Economic research shows more industrial buildings should be fitted with sprinklers. Meanwhile commercial building designers are finding it increasingly attractive to include sprinklers. Since 2016 all new housing in Wales must be sprinklered. Following the Grenfell Tower disaster local authorities and developers in England are not waiting for regulatory change but are fitting sprinklers in new and existing housing. Done properly, insurers stand to benefit from the reduced exposure of these buildings to fire.

By the end of this lecture members would have gained an insight into:

- How sprinklers work and why they are so reliable
- The economic benefits of sprinklers
- Trends in the use of sprinklers



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