

MEDIA ALERT



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UNDERSTANDING SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S NEW FIRE PROTECTION LAWS

Invitation for Media to attend session - 2.30pm, February 27

So, you're a strata manager and a fire breaks out in one of the buildings in your portfolio. What happens next and how will your insurance company handle it?

All strata managers employ fire maintenance contractors to maintain the fire protection systems and equipment in the buildings they manage, but have you ever wondered if they are competent to do the work?

How do you find out? What if they are not competent, you don't identify this and then something goes wrong? What is your risk and liability?

The issue of fire protection has taken on more importance since several apartment fires involving highly flammable cladding in Australia and overseas.

Strata Community Association (SCA) South Australia, the Facility Management Association South Australia (FMA) and Fire Protection Association Australia (FPA Australia) have joined forces to create a presentation which explains the maze of licensing and industry accreditation required by someone undertaking fire protection system and equipment maintenance in South Australia.

Note: it's not the same as in other states.

SCA SA president Joshua Baldwin invited strata managers to join the presentation at **2.30pm** on **February 27** at the **Hotel Grand Chancellor Adelaide**.

"In 2019 the licensing and accreditation requirements changed, and this is an essential update," Mr Baldwin said.

"The presentation will summarise these changes. As an outcome of this presentation, you will understand the simple steps you can take to minimise you and your company's exposure to risk should a fire happen in a building you manage."

Presenters include:

Alan Short, Managing Director, Fire & Emergency Services SA

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