
From: Brian Martin
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To: Simon Edwards
Cc: Communications - Newsdesk; Sian Williams; Mike Larking; Robert Attrill; Louise Upton; Anthony Burd; Robert Attrill
Subject: 110615 LTT Sprinklers in new homes

Simon, the lines are

- We have no plans to introduce any new provisions to extend the existing provisions in Building Regulations for the installation of sprinklers in new homes.
- The last review of Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations concluded in 2006. Following extensive analysis it was decided that a blanket provision for all new homes was not cost effective. However a provision was introduced to cover blocks of flats over 30m in height as well as some additional guidance for situations where sprinkler protection might be adopted as an alternative to the normal fire precautions for other buildings.
- The policies of the Welsh Assembly Government and the Assembly are a matter for them.

You could point the Journo at Lords Hansard. Earl Attlee has set out the Government's position (at length) in respect of this issue in a debate over a private members bill.

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/buildingregulationsreviewhl.html>

From: Sian Williams
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 6:07 PM
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BBC Mids Today is doing a story on sprinklers in new homes - following calls by Warwickshire Fire Authority to follow Wales's example and make it mandatory to install sprinklers in all new build homes.

The journalist is asking what is the current position on sprinklers / and are any changes planned.

Grateful if you could provide us with some background info - and some lines pls.

Simon - the journalist is looking to do a story next week but would like the info tomorrow. Once officials have provided something - wearing your fire hat - would you mind sending it to joan.cummins@bbc.co.uk (her number is [REDACTED]).

Thank you, Sian.

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