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**Subject:** Fire Doors Grenfell Tower  
**Attachments:** Contractors warned of risk to upgrading fire doors.pdf

Janice

Please see the attached and please note the dates of these trade body warnings to contractors.

Also in the fire safety document, Purpose built blocks of flats in item 62.16 on page 98, it states

Upgrading existing doors simply because they are not fitted with intumescent strips or cold smoke seals, or fail to meet some other requirement of current standards, should not be made a generic recommendation applicable to all existing blocks of flats.

It goes on to say that each door must be assessed individually and the risk assessor can comment on the suitability etc of the doors.

This is the TMO's approach.

The fire service have audited Grenfell Tower and other TMO properties and at no time have they asked for either in writing or verbally for intumescent strips or cold smoke seals to be retrospectively fitted to fire doors.

If fire doors are retrospectively fitted with intumescent strips or cold smoke seals then the contractor must be competent and qualified to undertake this work and the contractor who has undertaken the work is now stating that the door is now a 30 minute fire rated door. I would be asking for confirmation in writing of this because this can be used as evidence to the Fire Service if they question the fire rating of a door.

As you can see in the attached articles the contractors are now the responsible person in regard to the doors and they can be prosecuted.

All new fire doors MUST have intumescent strips fitted and cold smoke seals depending on the doors location.

I would strongly recommend that the contractor is asked to provide a full list of any fire doors that they have retrospectively fitted with intumescent strips or cold smoke seals in TMO premises and that these doors are inspected for workmanship etc.

Carl