



Mairéad Phelan,

Building Regulations

The latest updates to ensure the *“health, safety, and welfare of people in or about buildings”*.

Part J: Check [Chimney flues are clean before using them for first time during Christmas;](#) and Check [Carbon Monoxide alarms.](#)

Part B, Check [Fire/Smoke alarms.](#)
Do NOT plug in rechargeable items or **E-scooters in access or fire escape routes.**
Always use [chargers and cables that are rated for your appliance; never leave phones, tablets laptop etc. charging in bedcovers.](#)

Part K: When using [ladders during Christmas take adequate provisions to check and secure them.](#)

Looking out [windows for Santa: check window Safety restrictors \(100 mm max opening\) and guarding to prevent falls.](#)

For children under 5 all guarding must be such that a 100 mm diameter sphere cannot pass through any opening i.e., child’s head and check guarding is not readily climbable.

Part M: Check [handrail location and design appropriate for safety and mobility of occupants;](#) older population, [accompanied by an increase in age-related disability.](#)

Part D: Don’t forget for Construction during Winter months to read the [Guidelines for Concreting in Cold Weather](#)
Remember to ensure [Construction Safety in Freezing Weather Conditions](#)



31 Market Surveillance/Building Control Authorities, supported by three Competent Authorities (GSI, TII, National Office hosted by Dublin City Council i.e., NBCO-DCC).



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2023 Market Surveillance of Construction Products

2023 Supporting 31 Market Surveillance Authorities

2023 Market Surveillance activities included inspections & formal checks for compliance with the Construction Products Regulations guided by the [Market Surveillance of Construction Products Strategy 2023 - Ireland](#). This office received 49 complaints; carried out 30 reactive, 42 proactive and 42 desk-top inspections; had 110 tests performed in laboratories; performed 42 checks of products and/or documentation e.g., CE Mark, DoP, Safety Information in Use; issued 48 requests for information; assisted another Member State Market Surveillance Authority; attended two AdCo meetings in Europe; two Market Surveillance Working Group meetings; delivered a [“CPR Webinar - Aggregates”](#), [CPD Day on Market Surveillance of Construction Products](#) attendance of 550; [European Parliament Petitions Committee](#) meeting and progressed recommendations in the [“Report of the Market Surveillance of Construction Products produced from County Donegal Quarries 2021/2022”](#)
2024 will build on the progress to date.

[Circular Letter BC01-2023, National Building Control Conference-Radisson Blu, Athlone, 29th -30th March 2023.](#)
[2024 13th -14th March, Radisson Blu Sligo.](#)
[Circular Letter BC02-2023, Summary of the implementation of certain aspects of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive \(Directive 2010/31/EU\), consequential amendments to the Building Regulations and related matters.](#)
[Circular Letter BC03-2023, RAPEX Notification \(A12/00541/23\) - Concrete screw ETA-17/0806.](#)
[Circular Letter BC04-2023, European Union \(Construction Products\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 S.I. No. 217 of 2023.](#)
[Circular Letter BC05-2023, Technical Guidance Document C -Site Preparation and Resistance to Moisture \(Amended 2023\).](#)
[31st January 2024; NBCO Building Control & Modern Methods of Construction - Eventbrite Register today.](#)

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- ✓ Inspections; Standardised inspection methodology and recording.
- ✓ Collaboration with Academia Guest speakers supporting education matters relating to Building Control & Regulations
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- ✓ NBCO CPD Events
2023 CPD Events NBCO YouTube
2024 1st CPD Event 31st January
2024-Building Control & Modern Methods of Construction (MMC)
Eventbrite

Part C -Building Regulations

The latest updates

Minister of State Kieran O'Donnell, T.D
[Technical Guidance Document C - Site Preparation and Resistance to Moisture \(Amended 2023\)](#) reasonable precautions to avoid danger to health and safety caused by substances (e.g., radon) on/in the ground covered by a building.
[New Radon Map for Ireland](#) included.

Code of Practice Remediation of Fire Safety Defects

The latest updates

Minister O'Brien
Supports legislation for the remediation of fire safety, structural safety, and water ingress defects in purpose-built apartment buildings, including duplexes, constructed between 1991 and 2013.
Further information, [Access the Housing Agency portal.](#)

EU (Construction Products) (Amendment) Regulations (S.I. No. 217 of 2023)

The latest updates

Minister O'Brien
Read in tandem with the [Construction Products Regulation \(CPR\)](#) and the [Market Surveillance Regulation \(MSR\)](#), The CPR sets the rules for the marketing of construction products in the EU. The MSR aims to ensure products on the EU market do not endanger consumers.