

# The latest regulations on energy storage fire protection policy

Are fire and rescue authorities statutory consultees for battery energy storage systems?

A Bill to make fire and rescue authorities statutory consultees for planning applications relating to Battery Energy Storage Systems; and for connected purposes.

Are electrical battery energy storage systems fire-safe?

Electrical battery energy storage systems (BESS) are a key part of domestic renewable energy systems and it's expected there will be a sharp rise in the number of systems being installed in homes. To help installers manage the fire related hazards associated with BESS, PAS 63100:2024 covers requirements for fire-safe installations.

Are batteries a fire hazard?

To minimise the risk of batteries becoming a fire hazard, a new British Standard covering fire safety for home battery storage installations came into force on 31 March 2024. The standard is - PAS 63100:2024: Electrical installations. Protection against fire of battery energy storage systems (BESS) for use in dwellings.

What's new in the UK planning policy guidance on renewables?

The UK government has updated its Planning Policy Guidance on renewables to include a section on the development of battery energy storage systems (BESS) with specific regards to fire safety. Louise Leyland, associate at PWA Planning, takes a look at what's changed and what it means for developers.

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How is fire safety dealt with outside the planning process?

Up until these recent updates, fire safety has largely been dealt with outside of the planning process. The new guidance encourages: Applicants to engage with local fire services at the pre-application stage. Local planning authority (LPA) to formally consult with the local fire service as part of the planning process.

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Battery Energy Storage Systems [BESS] are a fundamental part of the UK's move towards a sustainable energy system. As BESS facilities have become more widespread across the UK over the past few years, fire risk and ...

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