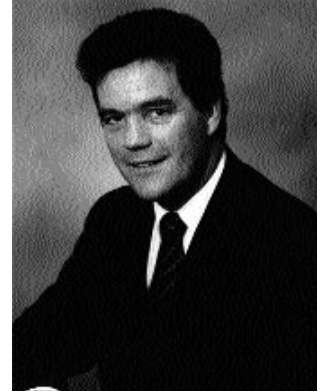


# Foreword



Advice has been published in recent years on fire safety in a wide variety of premises such as hotels, guesthouses, nursing homes, flats and places of assembly. This Guide to fire safety in existing hostels is now added to the series of fire safety publications.

The Guide is intended to assist persons in charge of hostels in meeting their responsibilities for fire safety. I strongly urge them to study and apply the guidance contained in this publication.

Tá comhairle foilsithe sna blianta beaga anuas maidir le sabhálteacht dhóiteáin i réimse leathan de áitribh mar óstáin, tithe lóistín, tithe altranais, árasáin agus áiteanna tionóla. Anois tá an Treoir seo faoi shabhálteacht dhóiteáin i mbrúnna atá ann cheana féin curtha le sraith na bhfoilseachán faoi shabhálteacht dhóiteáin.

Síltear an Treoir mar chúnaimh do dhaoine atá i mbun brúnna agus iad ag comhlíonadh a gcuid freagrachtaí i dtaobh sabhálteachta dhóiteáin. Molaim go láidir dóibh staidéar a dhéanamh ar an gcomhairle atá san fhoilseachán seo agus í a chur i bhfeidhm.

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I am glad to have the opportunity of publicly recording my thanks to them for their assistance and hard work.

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