



## BAFSA and its Members

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To this end, BAFSA works closely with the UK and devolved governments, the fire and rescue service, building control departments, insurers, as well as developers, architects and their clients. It provides reliable and accurate technical information, runs seminars and training courses. While the association is dedicated to making sure that sprinkler systems are installed to the highest professional standards it is not a certification body - however its rules require all its installer members to be Third Party Accredited. It was the first fire trade body to impose this.

Like all trade associations, BAFSA derives its strength from its membership and its authority from the fact that its members install more than 85% (by value) of the sprinkler systems installed in the UK. Its manufacturer members provide more than 95% by value of all sprinkler components and equipment used in the UK and all the major sprinkler head manufacturers are members.

### COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION

BAFSA believes that it can best achieve its objectives by collaboration with all groups which share its determination to reduce the ravages of fire. To this end, BAFSA is a founder member of the National Fire Sprinkler Network. It also works with the European Fire Sprinkler Network, the Business Sprinkler Alliance, the National Fire Chiefs' Council, London Fire Brigade and a number of insurers. BAFSA also works closely with the Fire Protection Association, the Fire Industry Association and the Fire Sector Federation.

### STANDARDS FORMATION

BAFSA represents the views of manufacturers and installers in all the British Standards committees concerned with fire protection systems and also participates in European and International standards work. BAFSA is very active in the review and revision of standards to ensure that the manufacturer and installer views are represented,

### HOW DOES BAFSA DELIVER?

BAFSA has developed a structure to ensure it is able to effectively develop and deliver its primary objectives of:

- Providing authoritative information on fire sprinkler systems,
- Influencing the development of technical and other standards,
- Lobbying for improvements in building standards and fire legislation.
- Promoting the wider use of sprinkler systems to protect people, property and the environment from the dangers of fire.

BAFSA has been supporting the sprinkler industry for more than 45 years and now has in place a highly effective team of specialist advisors and volunteer leaders to ensure the association's objectives are delivered. Its structure incorporates a number of permanent committees and other groups where volunteers from the industry and supportive organisations meet together to work on tasks and projects in support of the association's objectives and to deliver the outputs (usually in the form of publications or events) set by Council.

Unlike other trade bodies BAFSA's committees are open to all members so that there can be full participation in the formulation of policy, technical protocols and input to national and international standardisation.



# 45+

YEARS SUPPORTING  
THE SPRINKLER INDUSTRY



A WHOLE RANGE OF  
PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED



# 1000

TECHNICAL  
ENQUIRIES DEALT  
WITH EVERY YEAR



**INFORMATION SERVICE**

BAFSA is pleased to answer any questions you may have about sprinkler systems, their design, installation and maintenance. The service is available to both members (at no cost) and non-members (normally no charge will be levied for this). Each year we receive and deal with more than 1000 enquiries.

**PUBLICATIONS**

BAFSA supports its work by producing a range of publications and DVD presentations. Full details of these can be found at: [bafsa.org.uk/bafsa-publications/](http://bafsa.org.uk/bafsa-publications/)

**SEMINARS AND EVENTS**

BAFSA provides a wide range of seminars and events for its members and others. In particular we are also pleased to provide speakers (at no cost) to undertake delivery of a range of short seminars (many of which carry CPD status) with the fire and rescue service, building control

departments and other local authority departments. These events can also be delivered to groups of architects and other building professionals.

**WHY JOIN BAFSA?**

BAFSA welcomes applications for membership from all parts of the sprinkler and watermist industry and from those organisations which have an interest in the promotion of sprinkler and water mist protection as the most effective way of protecting life and property from the effects of fire. Its present membership includes sprinkler installers from the very largest multinationals to sole traders and also includes more than half the UK's fire and rescue services. We also welcome applications from fire consultants and insurers.

Applications are accepted from sprinkler installers who hold Third Party Certification from a UKAS-accredited certification body. The level of membership and subscription depends on the certification level.

Suppliers and manufacturers (including sprinkler head manufacturers) who hold a product listing from BRE Certification/LPCB or other recognised test house may apply for membership as a 'Supplier and Manufacturer'. Other suppliers of sprinkler-related products and services may apply for associate membership as can consultants, insurers and individual fire and rescue services.

Full details of membership, subscriptions and access to an application form can be found at: [bafsa.org.uk/membership/](http://bafsa.org.uk/membership/)

*If you have a question or seek advice regarding automatic water-based fire suppression systems, please email the team: [Ritchie.oconnell@bafsa.org.uk](mailto:Ritchie.oconnell@bafsa.org.uk) or [joe.mcafferty@bafsa.org.uk](mailto:joe.mcafferty@bafsa.org.uk). If they do not have an answer for you, they will know someone who has! FAQs can be found at [bafsa.org.uk/sprinkler-systems/faqs/](http://bafsa.org.uk/sprinkler-systems/faqs/)*

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