

Scottish Electrical Product Safety Conference Wed 17 May 2023

12.00 Registration and networking lunch

13.00 Welcome

Zoe Kleinman, Technology Editor, BBC News

Lesley Rudd, CEO, Electrical Safety First

13.15 MSP's keynote address

Clare Adamson MSP (Convener of the Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness, and the Cross Party Group on Science and Technology)

13.30 Improving product recalls and registration

A look at the effectiveness of product recalls and registration. Where are we now and how can we bridge the gap to improve consumer awareness and encourage action.

MODERATOR Laura Jamieson, Prevention Co-ordinator, Trading Standards Scotland

Douglas White, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Consumer Scotland

Andrew Mullen, Head of Sustainability and Quality, BEKO

Adrian Simpson, Retail Products Policy Advisor, British Retail Consortium

Karter Kane, Policy and Public Affairs Advisor, Electrical Safety First

14.15 Break

14.45 Shopping safely online

Shopping online should provide the same protections as when shopping on the high street but research has consistently found unsafe products for sale on online marketplaces.

Online marketplaces are not recognised as actors in the supply chain, and so have no responsibility for ensuring the safety of products advertised and sold on their platforms. Do we need legislation to make online marketplaces more accountable or do we need more consumer education on how to shop more safely or is the solution a combination of legislation and collaboration?

MODERATOR – Stephen Curtler, Product Safety Manager, Electrical Safety First

Jeremy Opperer, Principal EMEA Product Trust & Regulatory Affairs, Amazon

Giuseppe Capanna, Product Safety Engineer, Electrical Safety First

Sarah Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Office for Product Safety and Standards

15.30 Achieving sustainability in the home

Social, political, economic and environmental drivers - a look at what's changed, where we are now and how we adapt. Looking at the way we interact with products – working from home, lifestyles, demographics, inclusion in design and accessibility. Do end users want recycled reused products? What are the blockers to take-up of sustainable smart products.

MODERATOR – Wayne Mackay, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Electrical Safety First

David Dourley, SFRS Group Commander - Head of Technical Sections, Scottish Fire and Rescue

Hannah Lockley, Social Researcher, Office for Product Safety and Standards

Gareth Campbell-Julian, Head of Retail Change and Central Ops, British Heart Foundation

16.00 Closing keynote

Teresa Arbuckle, Chair of The Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Appliances (AMDEA) & Managing Director, Beko

16.15 Closing remarks

16.30 Close