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Overview of event

This learning follows a significant fire involving a residential high-rise building fire, leading to considerable loss of life and almost complete loss of a building.

Summary of learning

It has been identified that rapid external fire spread can take place during the early stages of an incident and well before the expectation of when compartmentation of a building would normally be compromised. The rapid fire spread can then be further compounded by a number of other factors, such as the effects of wind and weather, the design of a building, etc.

NOLUG Recommendations

Issue Action Note to all UK FRSs highlighting the existing requirements under the National Operational Guidance control measures: 'Produce a risk management plan' & 'Site-Specific Risk Information (SSRI)', in reference to high-rise premises designed or constructed in a way that may result in rapid fire spread. The NFCC support the approach of [FRS determining PDAs](#) for specific incident types on the basis of their operational risk assessment (ORA). Each ORA will be cognisant of the need to achieve the appropriate speed and weight of attack.

Contact information

NOL would be keen to hear of any further associated learning identified by fire and rescue services as a result of this Action Note. Please contact: NOLmail@ukfrs.com