

# La Finestra sul PVC

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## Campagna europea "FIRE SAFETY FIRST"

Il 28 gennaio presso la sede del Parlamento Europeo a Bruxelles è stata ufficialmente lanciata la campagna europea **FIRE SAFETY FIRST** che vede gli europarlamentari impegnati a promuovere la sicurezza antincendio negli edifici e a lavorare per sviluppare un quadro normativo armonizzato che garantisca elevati standard di sicurezza in tutti i 28 Stati Membri dell'UE, per la tutela di tutti i cittadini.

Riportiamo il comunicato stampa diffuso e segnaliamo il sito web [www.firesafetyfirst.eu](http://www.firesafetyfirst.eu) per maggiori informazioni.

## FIRE SAFETY FIRST

### PRESS RELEASE

#### European Union politicians step up to protect homes from fire

When: 28 January 2014, 12.00h – 14.00h  
Where: Room ASG1, European Parliament, Brussels

Europe this week sees the start of a major campaign to protect Europeans from fire in buildings.

Members and candidate Members of the European Parliament are being asked to join frontline fire fighters to call for improvements to fire safety across the EU. The FireSafetyFirst launch event in Brussels will mark the start of work to boost understanding of the need to focus on protecting people, property and buildings from fire in today's European Union.

"Good fire protection is not just about security for us professional fire fighters," said Swedish fire officer Mikael Svanberg. "It's key to the security of those who, for whatever reason, find themselves in buildings anywhere in the EU."

Svanberg and his colleagues joined politicians to campaign for the best fire safety standards in schools, hospitals, shops and homes: all the buildings where Europeans spend their lives.

The campaign was welcomed by campaign host and British member of the European Parliament Fiona Hall. "I'm supporting the launch of Fire Safety First because I believe it's not only after disaster strikes that the authorities should step in to make a difference," said Mrs Hall.

Up to 2.5 million building-related fires are reported in the EU every year, causing damage of around 126 billion Euros. Four out of five of these fires start in homes. We spend about 90% of our lives in buildings and can't afford to forget the risks of ignoring fire safety.

The Brussels event launching the campaign will include expert presentations on the urgent need to develop a harmonised regulatory framework to ensure high standards of fire safety are in place across all the 28 Member States of the EU, for the protection of all Europe's citizens and visitors.

Rapid innovation in building materials and construction methods has outpaced the old regulations in place in many Member States. The EU's own fire safety test methods, last revised in 2003, based on data from the collected between 1994 & 2002, are unable to provide a complete and accurate assessment of many products entering the market since then.

"The FireSafetyFirst campaign will show that, by acting now, we can save lives – and billions of Euros. The campaign calls for the best standards to be in place both during the construction of new buildings and the renovation of existing buildings," said Barry Lynham, President Fire Safe Europe.

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## About fire safety

Nowadays, the time it takes for a small fire in a room to turn into a full blaze is about 3 minutes, compared to 15 minutes in the 1950s. This is largely because our homes, as well as other buildings, now contain more flammable material than they used to. This risk is even greater because most tests for construction product fire safety were developed based largely on traditional building materials. Regrettably, their rules have not been updated to keep pace with newer materials and changing construction methods.

## About the campaign

By pledging to promote fire safety, MEPs are working to protect citizens from fire in buildings by getting strong harmonised legislation in place to ensure high levels of safety across the entire EU. This campaign is the first step toward a safer future for all.

More information on the campaign can be found on:

[www.firesafetyfirst.eu](http://www.firesafetyfirst.eu) and [www.facebook.com/firesafetyfirst](https://www.facebook.com/firesafetyfirst)

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