

Electrical Product Safety Conference 2026 - Regulation, Responsibility, Risk

Thursday 26 November, Church House, London

09.00 Registration and networking

Welcome and opening remarks

Susannah Streeter, Broadcaster and Analyst

Lesley Rudd, Chief Executive, Electrical Safety First

Opening keynote

Kate Dearden, Minister for Employment Rights and Consumer Protection

Regulatory reform

Stay ahead of product safety reform with practical insights on policy, compliance and enforcement - get your organisation ready for what's next.

Graham Russell, Chief Executive, UK Office for Product Safety and Standards

John Herriman, Chief Executive, Chartered Trading Standards Institute

Impact of technology on safety

Discover how emerging technologies are transforming product safety from design to real-world use - so you can anticipate new risks, responsibilities and opportunities.

Dr Catherine Menon, Principal Lecturer, University of Hertfordshire

Sarah-Jane Dobson, Partner, Global Head of Product Liability and Product Risk, (Safety and regulatory Compliance), Ashurst Perkins Coie

David McKnight, Head of partnerships, UL Standards & Engagement

Euan Fraser, Assistant Director, Head of Innovative Product Regulation, OPSS

Safety in circularity

As products are reused, repaired and recirculated, safety questions grow. Explore how to build trust, clarify responsibilities and protect consumers across long and complex product lifecycles.

Stefan Hay, Chief Executive, The UK Home Appliance Association

Nick Jays, R&D Product Sustainability Lead for the Kenwood Brand, De'Longhi Group

Sylvie Gallage-Alwis, Partner, Signature Litigation

Inés Alberico, Campaign Manager, Right to Repair Europe Coalition

Safety Innovation Award

Winner announcement

Hazard-based approach to high-risk products

Focus on what matters when risk is highest. Discover how hazard and risk-based thinking can support smarter decisions, clearer accountability and stronger protection—while enabling innovation.

Katherine Forrest, Head of Strategic Risk, OPSS

Hannah Hillard, Regulatory Compliance Manager, Currys

Chris Occleshaw, Sedgwick

Irma Rustemi, EMEA Operations manager, UL Solutions, Chair– IEC TC 61 (Safety of Household and Similar Electrical Appliances)

Innovation vs Reality

A look at what really happens when a great idea meets UK electrical safety requirements

Moderator: Claire Temple, Partner, Cooley (UK) LLP

Greg Childs, Certification Director, Intertek, ETL – UK

Inga Becker-Hansen, Policy Advisor for Product Safety, BRC

Farah Ahmed, Managing Director, Secretariat

Hannah Gibson, Founder, Diverse Integration

16.40 Drinks reception

18.40 Close

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