



Network Homes are an award winning Housing Association that manage over 20,000 homes in London, Hertfordshire and the South East and have an annual turnover of over £230 million. Dedicated to providing affordable housing for over 40 years they believe everyone needs a safe home to make people feel comfortable, happy and secure in their life. Network Homes are a forward-thinking, service driven and financially strong organisation that builds, sells, rents and manages good homes in thriving communities.

Network Homes take ownership and responsibility seriously and this includes fire safety measures. After learning about the Premises Information Box™ (PIB)® System at International Firex, Network Homes took steps to enquire about installing PIB's on their 31 HRRB's (High Rise Residential Buildings). An interest was expressed in the need for the provision of premises plans and information to the Fire and Rescue Service through the High Security Steel (HSS) PIBs. Through benchmarking Network Homes were aware that Brent Housing Partnership had recently had their floor plans developed by GERDA. Network Homes were particularly interested in the preparation of the premises plans to help the Fire and Rescue Service make a rapid assessment of the premises layout. In particular, the identification of safety features and fire control systems to help them deal with an emergency and locate any hazards that might impact the situation or cause harm to residents and fire fighters.

In the Government Guidance on the **Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order**, plans and specifications are identified as an aid both to fire risk assessment and to the Fire & Rescue Service in the event of a fire. To date Network Homes have installed 31 GERDA HSS PIBs along with premises plans and information for immediate access for attending fire crews. The plans were drawn up through a partner organisation of GERDA who specialise in the collation of these types of plans.

The **Premises Information Box (PIB)[®] System** has been adopted by a variety of organizations in the UK, and the concept is supported by the insurance industry and fire consultants.

“Network Homes installs GERDA Premises Information Boxes at our high rise blocks. We find this product offers a secure and visible box to store vital information to assist the emergency services and our contractors.”

Laura Jones, Fire & Asbestos Contracts Manager

