

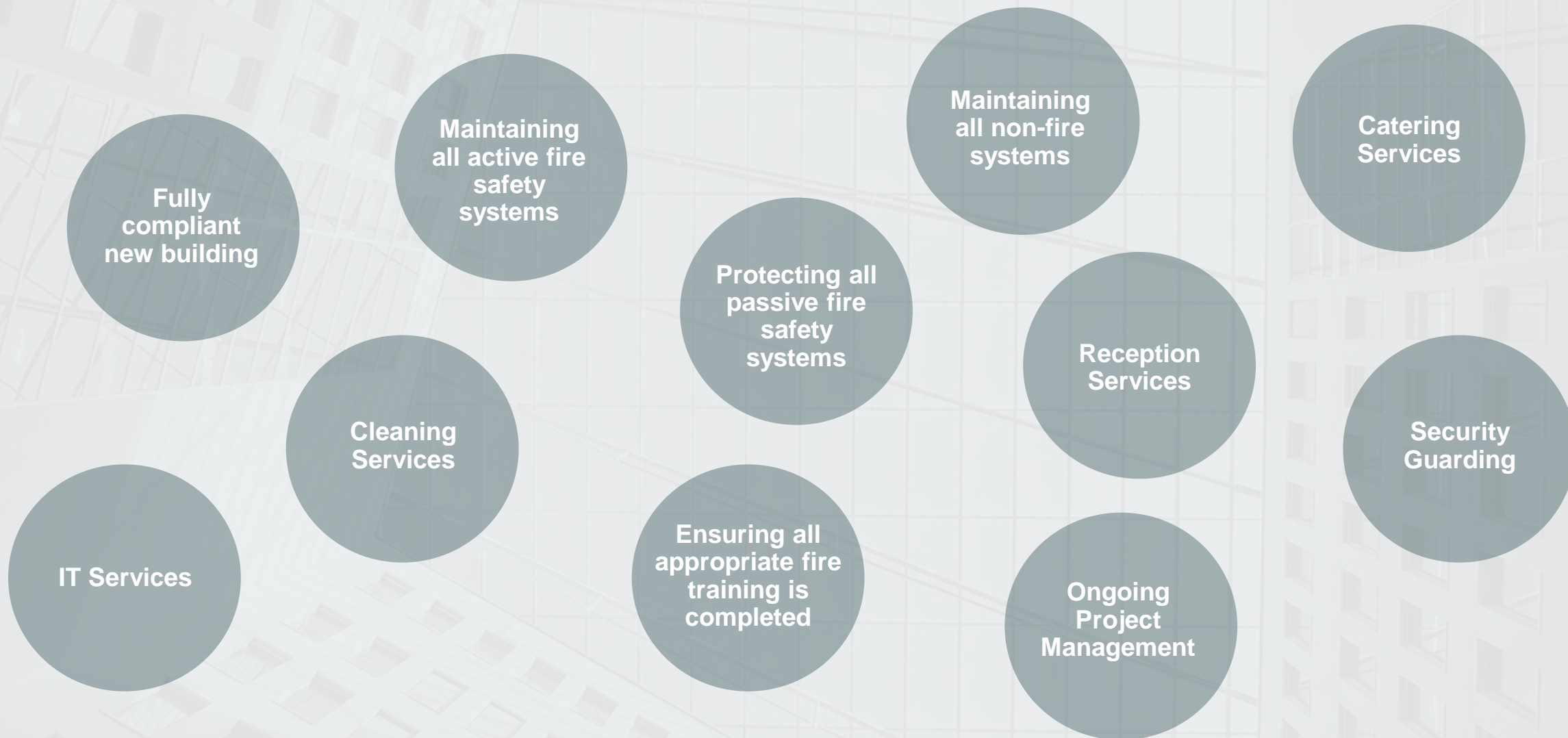
# Fire Safety Management of Occupied Premises

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## What has Facilities Management got to do with Fire Safety?



## So how can fire safety challenges be addressed in Ireland for occupied buildings?

- Improve awareness by those managing construction projects of the importance of ongoing maintenance of systems and how to achieve this – particularly PSDPs, M&E Design Team, Site Managers and Assigned Certifiers
- Proactive involvement of local fire officers in new projects from design stage to encourage more of a partnership approach – this might also help to change the current culture of initial FSC approval followed by one or more changes to FSCs
- Soft Landings principles to be followed for new projects to ensure that owners/occupiers fully understand and are able to implement the fire safety design intent for the building from day one
- Clearly defined responsibilities for owners/occupiers of buildings regarding Fire Risk Assessments and their full scope with clearly defined individualised penalties for non-compliance – like National Legionella Guidelines 2009
- Clearly defined competencies for Fire Risk Assessors and the establishment of a national body to educate and promote Fire Risk Assessments, and to manage a registration scheme for competent persons – like BER assessors by SEAI, approved refrigerant contractors by FGAS Ireland, electricians by RECI, boiler service engineers by RGII, and licensed security providers by The Private Security Authority
- Ensure that all inspecting authorities are aligned regarding guidance and enforcement – Fire Authorities, HIQA, HSA, Tusla etc

In summary, provide clear guidelines that can be applied to all occupied buildings regarding what must be done, how it can be done, when it must be done, why it must be done

**Let's avoid repeating the same mistakes again with policies and legislation based on self-interpretation and self-regulation!**