

The big industry get-together with a varied liveprogramme: VdS-FireSafety Cologne 2023

International trade fair, live demonstrations, VdS conferences, plenty of networking opportunities: the VdS-FireSafety Cologne on 6 and 7 December 2023 offers a varied programme.

Cologne, December 2023. Around 4,000 trade visitors are expected to attend the VdS-FireSafety Cologne on 6 and 7 December 2023. Due to its growing success, the international trade fair will be held for the first time in the larger Hall 10.1 of the Koelnmesse, which offers more space for stands and live demonstrations. Around 150 exhibitors will present their latest fire protection solutions, while a varied programme of specialist presentations will take place on the trade fair stage. In addition, seven VdS conferences can be booked separately and will be held in the neighbouring halls. This is the perfect way to combine a visit to the exhibition with a conference.

The VdS-FireSafety Cologne will be opened by Cologne mayor Dr. Ralf Heinen.

Live demonstrations

The numerous live demonstrations of fire protection technology include a demonstration of a high-pressure sprinkler system from Danfoss. In addition, the companies Jutec and Schwender will be placing cars at two points in the exhibition hall where interested visitors can try out the use of fire blankets for themselves.

The VdS Fire Protection Laboratories will have an own stand where they will be demonstrating a mobile functional oven in which the function and K-factor of sprinklers from old systems can be tested. A demonstration lasts between three and five minutes.

Trade fair tours by and with young people

The trade fair tours, for which all trade fair visitors can register free of charge, are being organised this year by students at Furtwangen University under the direction of Prof. Marion Meinert. On each of the

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two days of the fair, one of the tours is aimed specifically at school pupils.

Specialist programme on the trade fair stage

The stage in the exhibition hall offers three specialist forums: the future forum with presentations on important trends, including lithiumion batteries, the exhibitor forum on innovative solutions, and the VdS-FireSafetyTalk. Here, experts will discuss topics of interest to the fire protection industry in 90-minute panel discussions.

VdS expert conferences

As every second year, the traditional "Fire extinguishing systems" conference will take place over two days, with international topics and simultaneous German/English translation. The topics include: "VdS CEA 4001: 2024-01 (08) – News from the sprinkler guideline", "Trends and challenges in distribution warehouses - When sprinklers are not enough" and "Risk minimisation on the roof – extinguishing system for industrial roofs with photovoltaic systems" and many more. Get-together and evening event are included.

All seven conferences at a glance:

- Structural Fire Protection (Baulicher Brandschutz), 06 December 2023
- Impulse Conference Hydrant Systems (Hydrantenanlagen), 06 December 2023
- Fire Extinguishing Systems international, with simultaneous translation German-English (Feuerlöschanlagen international), 06 and 07 December 2023
- 54th Professional Development Seminar for Fire Protection Managers (54. Fortbildungsseminar für Brandschutzbeauftragte), 06 and 07 December 2023
- Fire Detection and Alarm Systems (Brandmeldeanlagen),
 07 December 2023
- Compact Seminar Construction and Fire Protection in North Rhine-Westfalia (Bauen und Brandschutz in NRW), 07 December 2023
- Smoke and Heat Exhaust Ventilation Systems (Rauch- und Wärmeabzugsanlagen), 07 December 2023

Conference language is German if not otherwise indicated.

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