



Top-class speakers: Expert conferences at the VdS-FireSafety Cologne 2025

Separately bookable VdS expert conferences on six areas of fire protection will take place as part of the VdS-FireSafety Cologne on December 3 and 4, 2025.

Cologne, August 2025. A large international trade fair on all areas of preventive fire protection, live demonstrations of the latest technology, the VdS-FireSafetyTalk, a high-quality lecture program on the trade fair stage and a new special area on structural fire protection: this colourful offer is open to all visitors to the VdS-FireSafety Cologne.

Another highlight are six first-class, extremely popular VdS expert conferences, which can be booked separately. It is ideal to combine a visit to the expert conference with a tour of the adjacent exhibition hall during the breaks and before and after the conference.

An overview of the expert conferences and some of their topics:

VdS expert conference Fire Extinguishing Systems international (Feuerlöschanlagen International), German/English, 3./4.12.2025

As every second year, the traditional expert conference "Fire Extinguishing Systems" will take place over two days, with international topics and simultaneous German/English translation. The topics include:

- How to safely install sprinklers in Mass Timber buildings?
- Car parks for electric vehicles – New protection concept
- Review of Oxygen Reduction Systems for Warehouse Storage Applications – An NFPA-research project
- Digitalization as the key to efficiency, maintenance and future-proofing
- From Ireland to Germany: A Case Study in International Fire Safety Compliance

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- Standardized test concept to prove the effectiveness of the protection of battery energy storage systems (BESS)

Get-together and evening event in the Kristallsaal are included.

VdS expert conference Professional Development Seminar for Fire Protection Officers (Fortbildungsseminar für Brandschutzbeauftragte), 3./4.12.2025

The two-day expert conference is extremely popular every year. It is recognized as professional development for fire safety officers in accordance with German regulations (vfdb, DGUV and VdS) and comprises 16 teaching units.

VdS expert conference Structural Fire Protection (Baulicher Brandschutz), 3.12.2025

At the VdS conference experts – from engineering and expert services, building administration and legal advice – provide well-founded and practical information on developments and innovations in the field of structural fire protection.

VdS expert conference Fire Detection and Alarm Systems (Brandmeldeanlagen), 4.12.2025

The popular Fire Detection and Alarm Systems conference provides up-to-date knowledge on regulations, technology and applications relating to fire detection and alarm systems.

VdS expert conference Smoke and Heat Exhaust Ventilation Systems (Rauch- und Wärmeabzugsanlagen), 4.12.2025

This year's conference once again offers the latest first-hand information on legal principles, technology, planning and testing of smoke and heat exhaust ventilation systems.

VdS expert conference Construction and Fire Protection in NRW (Bauen und Brandschutz in NRW), 4.12.2025

This compact seminar deals specifically with the implementation of construction projects in North Rhine-Westphalia.

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Note: Several of the expert conferences that take place as part of the VdS-FireSafety Cologne can be booked at a reduced combined price.

Trade fair visit included

All visitors to the conferences on December 3 and 4 will have free access to the adjacent exhibition hall. Here they will benefit from the large trade fair with exhibitors from many countries, live demonstrations, a varied supporting program, job board and Meeting point Training & Career – as well as a wide range of networking opportunities.

Special area on structural fire protection

A highlight is the new special area “Structural fire protection” on around 150 m². Live demonstrations will bring applications and products from the field of structural fire protection to life. The special area will be accompanied by its own forum, which will offer selected neutral specialist presentations on the topic.

Professional programme on the fair stage

The stage in the exhibition hall offers three forums: the “Future Forum Fire Protection” with presentations on important future topics, the exhibitor forum on innovative solutions and the VdS-FireSafetyTalk. Here, experts will discuss current industry topics in 90-minute panel discussions.

This time, more than 170 exhibitors and over 5,000 visitors are expected over the two days. The event will be opened by the Mayor of Cologne, Dr. Ralf Heinen.

Detaillierte Informationen unter **vds.de/fire-safety**

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Caption (VdS-BST25_Fachtagungen.jpg):

In the auditoriums around the exhibition hall at Koelnmesse, six top-class specialist conferences will be offered as part of the VdS-BrandSchutzTage 2025.



Caption (VdS-BST25_Messe.jpg):

The major trade fair at VdS-FireSafety Cologne on December 3 and 4, 2025 will bring fire protection experts together. The latest tools and solutions can be experienced up close.

About VdS:

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Services include risk assessments, testing and certification, inspections, information systems for natural hazards and an extensive training program. In addition, the independent institute sets international safety and security standards with the publication of a comprehensive set of Guidelines.

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