



FAQs

on Nirapon Technical Support Visit (TSV)

Clarification on the Application of Building Safety Standards

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The 10 FAQs below provide clarification on how building safety standards are referenced during Nirapon TSVs. It is intended to support clear, consistent communication with factories and Members, reduce ambiguity, and promote alignment across the sector.

1. Why am I receiving this message?

You are receiving this update because your factory participates in, or may participate in, Nirapon's TSV process, or because you are a Nirapon Member supporting factories enrolled in the program.

2. What has changed?

There has been no change to the purpose, scope, or intent of the TSV. The clarification relates only to which building safety standard is referenced during a TSV, based on the construction date of the building being assessed.

3. Why is Nirapon making this clarification now?

As Nirapon's Safety Management Program has matured and TSVs are now conducted across a wider range of factories with different construction dates, this clarification helps to ensure:

- Consistent and transparent assessment practice.
- Alignment with current regulatory and engineering practice.
- Clear and predictable expectations for factories and Members.

It reflects a natural point in the program's development as it continues to scale.

4. How does this clarification align with the RMG Sustainability Council (RSC)?

This clarification supports closer alignment between Nirapon's TSV approach and the methodologies used by the RSC.

Greater alignment across Nirapon and RSC helps to:

- Create a more uniform and consistent application of building safety standards.
- Make expectations simpler to understand and easier to follow for factories, Members, and technical service providers.
- Reduce duplication, confusion, and differing interpretations across the sector.

This alignment supports a more coherent building safety framework in Bangladesh and contributes to safer working environments for all workers, which remains Nirapon's ultimate objective.

5. Why are different standards applied based on construction date?

Buildings in Bangladesh were constructed under different regulatory frameworks over time. Applying a construction-date-appropriate approach:

- Aligns assessments with applicable legal requirements.
- Reflects how regulators and professional engineers assess existing buildings in practice.
- Avoids retrospective application of newer standards.
- Improves clarity, consistency, and technical accuracy.

6. Does this mean older buildings are held to a lower safety standard?

No. All buildings are expected to be safe for occupancy and use. Applying different reference standards does not reduce safety expectations. Life-safety risks will continue to be identified, prioritized, and addressed regardless of building age.

7. Will this affect existing TSV reports or remediation plans?

Existing TSV reports, findings, and remediation plans remain valid, but the mentioned updates are applicable to those factories where remediation is ongoing.

8. Will factories be required to meet new or additional requirements?

No. This clarification does not introduce new requirements. It ensures that assessments are technically appropriate and consistently framed, while continuing to identify and manage safety risks through existing TSV processes.

9. What if a factory has multiple buildings or extensions built at different times?

Each building (or extension) may be assessed against the standard applicable to its own construction period. This is standard engineering practice and will be managed by the technical assessment team working on behalf of Nirapon.

10. How does this relate to BNBC 2020?

BNBC 2020 applies primarily to newer construction. Buildings constructed prior to its introduction are assessed against the framework applicable at the time of construction, informed by current engineering judgment and life-safety principles. This approach is consistent with how existing buildings are assessed across the industry.

Nirapon remains committed to delivering consistent, transparent, and technically sound TSVs, aligned with industry partners to support safer working environments for all workers as part of its wider Safety Management Program.