

# Thomas Bengtsson

Founder & CEO of  
Woodsafe  
Timber  
Protection

*"The older you get, the wiser you become. For me, this has come with the realization that sustainability efforts are a must, which is why we invest heavily in sustainable production"*



## Q Tell us about Woodsafe and the challenges it resolves.

What has challenged me all these years is to move forward in situations that do not have a handbook. When it comes to flame protection measures made of wood, there are many actors who claim property, but few can prove it through a third-party notified body. Flame retardant impregnation requires documentation per type of wood, dimension, field of application, surface treatment etc. This comprehensive verification is not required by means such as green impregnation, which makes the difference between the systems total at all levels. Many actors are asked about flame protection, and many want to implement it. But very few players are aware of the sacrifices required in equipment, testing, small detail batches, finishes and so on. There are suppliers who promise all the simplicity of fire-protective wood, but they can be fooled. It is not so easy to fireproof wood and it takes understanding and large investments to get to the position Woodsafe is today. My advice to those of you who are considering fireproof wood is to think twice and get in touch with those you trust via their website and references.

## Q What are the main services that Woodsafe offers?

Woodsafe's services are to refine the natural flame-resistant properties of different types of wood in an attempt to reach the highest possible qualities that are relevant to the product.



Our customer base is the sawmill industry and their customers, as well as construction companies. We have hand-picked partners who have the solid knowledge and the finances required for handling big projects. We also provide expert support and advice to expert fire consultants, builders and architects. The knowledge of the industry we possess today is something that few others can live up to.

Our services have been CE certified from the notified body RISE since 2009 - long before mandatory requirements were in place. Our services are also continuously monitored by RISE. Our range includes woods such as western red (and yellow) cedar, shingles, heat-modified (thermowood) pine, spruce, frake, poplar, ayous, accoya, nobelwood, oak, gluelam and more with certification including Euroclass B-s1, d0, (-s2) and SP-Fire 105 (multi-storey house). Woodsafe have more than 150 variations of type tests performed and about 40 types of wood with CE certificates and type approvals. Woodsafe's services mean that developers can use wood in environments where it has not been possible before and at the same time retain the wood's natural shade, structure, feel and lovely smell.

## Q What is Woodsafe's vision?

My vision is to become synonymous with the need for flame retardant treated wood. There is a jungle of confusion in the market and while a lot of people and companies are doing a good job, others are spreading incorrect information

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## Thomas Bengtsson utsedd till vinnare i CEO Today Europe Awards 2021

Thomas Bengtsson, grundare av och vd för Woodsafe Timber Protection, har utsetts till en av vinnarna av CEO Today Europe Awards 2021.

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