

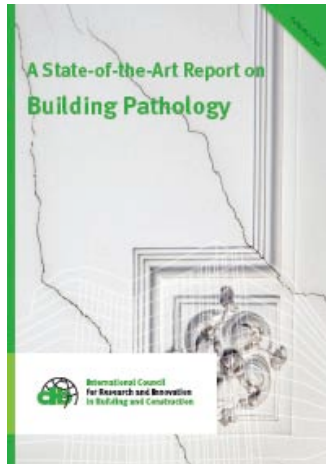


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Building pathology provides a systematic scientific approach to discovering what has gone wrong in a failed building.

The objectivity it brings to bear helps to make an investigation independent of prejudice and of matters of blame. The building pathologist is concerned with what has happened and how it came to happen, rather than with attributing blame. The pathologist's approach is to ascertain facts rather than to attribute liability. Any investigation of building failure carried out solely for the purposes of attributing blame, as distinct from attributing cause, is at risk of being subverted by legal considerations of liability (B. Porteous).

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