



# Who Needs **Building Codes**

All communities need building codes to protect their citizens from every day disasters like fires, weather-related events such as floods and structural collapse that follows deterioration over time of buildings of all kinds. Model building codes, adopted and enforced by well-trained professional code officials are society's best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores and places of entertainment.

Building Safety Month is a month-long celebration of all aspects of building safety that helps families, employers and leaders understand and appreciate the best practices that keep the places where we live, work and play, safe.

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## **Support Building Safety**

For more information about building safety codes and local requirements, contact the International Code Council or your local building department below:

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Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks





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# **Building Safety Month 2014**

**International Code Council** 

Building Safety Month is presented by the International Code Council (ICC), a member-focused association dedicated to helping the building safety community and construction industry provide safe, sustainable and resilient construction through the development of codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process.

ICC's codes are used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. communities and many global markets choose the International Codes.



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### **A Milestone Year**

is highly anticipated for Building Safety Month 2014. The main theme "BUILDING SAFETY: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks" is supported by four core themes that will be highlighted throughout May of 2014, including,



#### Week One // May 5-11, 2014

Code Officials: Keeping Fire in Its Place Protecting our homes and workplaces with essential safety precaution measures.



#### Week Two // May 12-18, 2014

**Code Officials:** 

Helping Homeowners Weather the Storm Raising awareness about how to prepare for a natural disaster and take action when one strikes.



#### Week Three // May 19-25, 2014

Code Officials: Surround Your Building with Safety
Creating a safer environment for families to
enjoy activities in and around the home.



### Week Four // May 26-31, 2014

**Code Officials:** 

Building a Brighter, More Efficient Tomorrow Spotlighting the latest advancements in sustainable design and building.





# **About Building Safety Month**

For the last 33 years the 50,000 members of the ICC have celebrated advances in building safety and widespread interest in the campaign has grown significantly. The support from the President, governors, city mayors, county executives and other officials demonstrated widespread interest and focus on the issue of building safety.

## Why is Building Safety Month important today?

Building Safety Month provides education for the public about solutions that improve the safety, sustainability and resiliency of buildings, infrastructure and communities. Properly administered and up-to-date safety codes reduce loss of life and property damage. Contemporary planning, building materials, design and construction can make our communities more resilient to weatherization and natural disasters. Building Safety Month unites industries, associations, academia and government under a common goal to protect the public by creating a safe and resilient built environment.



