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Celebrate Building Safety Month: Built to Last

May is Building Safety Month, an annual public awareness campaign led by the International Code Council (ICC) that highlights how modern building codes, safety professionals and resilient construction practices protect homes and communities around the world. The overall theme is **Built to Last** and the weekly themes are: **Safe Homes, Strong Communities** (May 1-10), **Voices of the Built Environment** (May 11-17), **Prepared to Protect** (May 18-24), **Communities Without Limits** (May 25-31).

Be a part of Building Safety Month. Here are some ideas and resources:

- ICC [offers a guide for an in-person presentation](#) on Building Safety Month. In-person events can include community gatherings, construction site walkthroughs, or educational presentations.
- Here are [a few tips for hosting a virtual Building Safety Month event](#).
- Download a [step-by-step Building Safety Month Campaign Guide](#) for ideas for community outreach and involvement.
- [Create a Building Safety Month proclamation](#) for signatures from state or local leaders as well as chapters and other supporting organizations.
- Hard hats, stickers, pencils, and vests for kids are available at the [International Code Council Store](#) for Building Safety Month activities.
- Download the [2026 Building Safety Month poster](#) for your office.
- Encourage participation in the [Building Safety Month contest](#) by May 22.

[Learn more about Building Safety Month here](#) →

UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

**2026 ICC Annual
Conference and Expo
October 18 – 21, 2026**
Gaylord Opryland Resort
Nashville, TN



Registration Open for 2026 Conference & Expo

Join building safety professionals from around the world at the 2026 ICC Annual Conference + Expo! This year's event will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville on October 18-21. Network, earn CEUs, access career resources, socialize with peers, and participate in elections and other association business. Conference registration is now live! Register for the Full Access Pass by September 11 to get the conference polo shirt.

[Get more information and register here](#) →

2027 Code Development Cycle Voting Opens May 8

The 2027 Code Development Cycle Group A and B Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV) will open May 8 and will close on May 22 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific. Validated voters are eligible to vote on individual code change proposals through [cdpAccess](#). The unofficial voting results will be available [on the Code Development Committee page](#) approximately two weeks after the vote closes under “Committee News.” The online posting of the final action 2027 Code Development Cycle Group A and B results will occur following the Validation Committee’s certification of the OGCV and report to the Code Council Board of Directors (see Section 13 of [CP28 Code Development](#)). For more information, contact ICC Member Services at members@iccsafe.org or 888-422-7233.

Natural Disasters: Life and Career-Changing Events for Code Officials

Join us for *Natural Disasters: Life and Career-Changing Events for Code Officials*, a webinar on May 27 at 1 p.m. Eastern that will highlight the critical role building and fire officials play in disaster response and recovery. Hear from ICC leaders and seasoned officials as they share real-world insights on preparedness, mitigation, and recovery efforts that help communities rebuild safety and resiliently after natural disasters.

[Register for the webinar here](#) →

Participate in Benchmarking Survey on Permit Fees and Plan Review

ICC is conducting a short survey to provide members with comparative benchmarks on permit fees, plan review turnaround times, staffing and other related practices. Findings will be reported in aggregate, and responses will be kept anonymous. The survey closes May 30.

[Participate in the survey here](#) →

BRIC Returns With \$81 Million in Funding for Code Plus-Up Program

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) in March, making \$1 billion in funding available to states, local governments, territories and Tribal Nations through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. BRIC provides federal funding for hazard mitigation activities to reduce future disaster costs and emphasizes the adoption and enforcement of modern building codes.

As a result of advocacy by ICC and others in the building safety industry, FEMA set aside \$81 million in new BRIC funding for building code adoption and enforcement activities: \$56 million for a “State/Territory Building Code Plus-Up,” with a maximum allocation of \$1 million per state and territory, and \$25 million for a “Tribal Building Code Plus-Up” for federally recognized tribes.

To assist members with their BRIC applications, ICC’s Government Relations and Fire & Disaster Mitigation teams prerecorded a series of informational webinars. The first webinar provides an overview of the BRIC program, examples of code activities funded in previous rounds, and guidance on the mechanics of applying for a BRIC grant as an ICC member. The second recording features a discussion with a former FEMA executive and two current state emergency management officials to get their perspectives on how ICC members can successfully apply for and receive BRIC funding. [Access BRIC resources here](#) →

Pro Codes Act Receives First Congressional Hearing

The U.S. House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, and the Internet convened a hearing on April 21 titled “[Protecting U.S. Leadership in Codes Development and Enhancing Public Access](#)” to discuss the *Pro Codes Act* ([H.R. 4072](#)). This is a significant step toward passing the legislation in this Congress.

Subcommittee Chairman Darrell Issa (R-CA) convened the hearing to allow members to hear different perspectives before being asked to vote on the bill. Keith Kupferschmid of the Copyright Alliance and Jim Pauley of the National Fire Protection Association testified in favor of the legislation, while John Delli Venneri of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and Jonathan Band, representing the Library Copyright Alliance, testified in opposition. Most subcommittee members present agreed that the Pro Codes Act, or some form of legislation, is necessary due to conflicting opinions in case law and the need for legislative action to address the copyright issues surrounding codes and standards incorporated by reference. Rep. Issa confirmed that an amended version of the Pro Codes Act will move forward soon.

ICC’s Government Relations team soon will provide prewritten messages for our members to transmit to Members of Congress. For more information, contact [Aaron Levy](#).

ICC Releases 2025 Annual Report

2025 was a year of transition, momentum and renewed focus for the International Code Council. Led by a new CEO with strong direction from the Board of Directors, ICC reinforced its commitment to members, staff and our mission of building safety. Together with our members, ICC is working to meet change head-on and tackle the emerging challenges shaping our industry. The work you do matters, and through ongoing collaboration and innovation, we'll continue to create safer, more affordable and resilient buildings and communities around the globe.

[View the 2025 Annual Report here](#) →

ICC Board of Directors Finalizes Scope and Intent for 2030 Energy Codes

The International Code Council Board of Directors conducted a thorough review of public feedback concerning the 2030 Energy Codes. During the 2026 Spring Board Meeting, the Board of Directors provided the following guidance to ICC staff and finalized its decision on the scope and intent provisions of the 2030 Energy Codes.

1. *ICC staff should provide additional public information addressing concerns raised in comments, such as how the additive approach will work, more details and examples for the cost-benefit analysis in the ICC Cost Impact Guide, and how the two supporting committees will coordinate. These clarifications should address many of the concerns identified in the public comments.*
2. *Along with the cost guidance details, ICC staff should develop a tool to facilitate compliance with the cost benefit analysis (CBA) requirements that assists code change proposal submitters in assembling the required information.*
3. *Additionally, ICC staff should select a more appropriate name for the expanded document [B] that clearly reflects stakeholder feedback and aligns with the IECC [A].*
4. *Maintain the split between the IECC [A] and the IECCX [B] as scoped, including the additional details provided in the intent tables.*

[More detail and a final response document here](#) →

Call for Committee: Off-Site/Modular Standard Consensus Committee

ICC has partnered with the Modular Building Institute (MBI) in the continued development of three existing comprehensive standards for off-site construction. Manufacturers, builders, designers, plan reviewers, government officials and inspection agencies are encouraged to apply by May 15 for the Off-Site and Modular Construction Standard Consensus Committee that will develop the second editions of:

- ICC/MBI 1200, Standard for Off-Site Construction: Planning, Design, Fabrication and Assembly
- ICC/MBI 1205, Standard for Off-Site Construction: Inspection and Regulatory Compliance
- ICC/MBI 1210, Standard for Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Systems, Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation in Off-site Construction

[Apply for the consensus committee here](#) →

New Pricing Plans Announced for Digital Codes Premium

There are new pricing plans for Digital Codes Premium: [Base](#), [Professional](#) and [Complete](#). The new plans are designed to simplify the buying process and better align with customer needs by offering the same tools and features across all plans, with the primary difference being the titles included. Read more about the new [pricing](#) and [plan details](#).

[Learn more about Digital Codes Premium here](#) →

'When Disaster Strikes' Training Series Offered to Prepare Code Officials

The International Code Council's "When Disaster Strikes (WDS) Institute" prepares attendees to effectively respond to disasters. Through a combination of instruction, interactive activities and case study reviews, participants will learn the critical role of code officials in the wake of a disaster, the process of developing disaster preparedness plans, the types and availability of mutual aid, and the importance and process of coordinating and conducting preliminary damage assessments, substantial damage estimates and post-disaster building safety evaluations. The WDS Institute also serves as a resource for maintaining your When Disaster Strikes credential, with the goal of increasing the number of trained and qualified Post-Disaster Building Safety Evaluators and Coordinators.

[Read more on series schedule here](#) →

ICC Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Updates

Public Comment Period Opens on ICC 825 Standard

The public comment draft #1 of ICC 825, Private Sewage Disposal Systems Standard, is available for public input. This new standard will provide minimum requirements for designing, constructing, operating and maintaining private sewage disposal systems which include septic tank and effluent absorption systems, or other treatment tank and

effluent disposal systems, where a public sewer is not available.

[Read more here](#) →

New Episode of *The Pipeline* Focuses on Leak Detection

In this episode of *The Pipeline*, hosted by Tom Roberts, Global Director of PMG for the International Code Council, listeners are taken on a journey to uncover some of the research advancements being made in leak detection and how these solutions can save drinking water before it's lost.

[Read more here](#) →

New PMG Code Corner Spotlights Pipes Penetrating Foundation Walls

This edition of the Code Corner spotlights the requirements of Chapter 3 of the 2024 International Plumbing Code® addressing pipes penetrating foundation walls.

[Read more here](#) →

CPSC Recalls Issued on Muscccm and Yeeluzan Pool Drain Covers

Muscccm and Yeeluzan branded pool drain covers, sold online at Amazon, were recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Pool owners, pool operators and consumers are advised to immediately stop using pools with the recalled drain covers.

Read more about the [Muscccm](#) and [Yeeluzan](#) recalls →

ICC Family of Solutions Updates

ICC-ES Seeks Individuals to Serve on Evaluation Committee

Applications are due by May 15 for two openings on the ICC Evaluation Service Evaluation Committee that will evaluate proposed ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria (AC). There is one opening on the Structural Evaluation Committee and one opening on the Fire Safety Committee.

[Learn more about the Evaluation Committee here](#) →

ICC-ES Developing Global Acceptance Criteria for Structural Bamboo

ICC-ES and BASE Bahay Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization based in the Philippines, are collaborating on an industry-first working group to develop global Acceptance Criteria documents for structural bamboo. Structural bamboo has a long history as an economical, fast-growing, and sustainable building material, but despite its history and significant potential, it has not been formally and independently evaluated for code compliance. The Acceptance Criteria will form the basis for structural bamboo Evaluation Service Reports (ESRs), which will verify the building product's compliance with applicable codes and standards. ESRs give design professionals, building officials, and other stakeholders the ability to confidently specify, design, and build with innovative materials, such as structural bamboo products.

[Read more here](#) →