



Building Safety Week Fill-in-the-Blank News Release

To help you promote Building Safety Week and the important role you play in your community, the International Code Council provides you with this draft news release. Go to www.buildingsafetyweek.org to download the news release, fill in the appropriate information and send it to your local media in early April. Be sure to list any special events you will be holding in conjunction with Building Safety Week.

NEWS RELEASE

Building Safety Where You Live, Work and Play

When you enter a house or building, most likely you're not thinking about whether it is properly constructed and safe. Fortunately, your local safety experts think about building safety and fire prevention every day. To help raise awareness of building safety, the ***(name of jurisdiction and department)*** is celebrating Building Safety Week from May 3 through 9. Across the nation, communities will promote the use and understanding of building safety and fire prevention codes to protect lives and property. The theme is "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play."

"The important work we do is often overlooked until a catastrophic tragedy occurs," said ***(name of jurisdiction, your title, your first and last name)***. "When building safety and fire prevention experts inspect buildings during and after construction, we help to ensure that the places where you live, learn, work and play are safe."

Building safety and fire prevention codes address all aspects of construction, such as structural soundness of buildings, reliability of fire prevention and suppression systems, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency and sustainability. To ensure buildings are safe

requires the active participation of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, builders, engineers, and others in the construction industry, as well as property owners.

“Public safety is our number one concern,” said *(last name)*. “During Building Safety Week and all year long, building safety and fire prevention officials are here to help protect you and your *(city/county/state)* community.”

Local events to celebrate Building Safety Week include *(list any activities you have planned, including date, time and location)*.

Building Safety Week, first observed in 1980, is sponsored by the International Code Council, a membership organization dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, of which *(name of jurisdiction)* is an active member. The International Code Council develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes—building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.