



**You Can Be a Part of
Building Safety Week
April 4-10, 2004**

Why Building Safety Week?

Building Safety Week was first observed in 1980 and is sponsored this year by the International Code Council Foundation. Building departments across America and around the world will celebrate Building Safety Week to raise public awareness of building safety, and to promote the use, enforcement and understanding of the importance of building safety and fire prevention codes.

Building code regulations help to ensure that homes, schools, workplaces and other buildings are as safe as possible. Unfortunately, the importance of regulating and enforcing building codes is often overlooked until a catastrophic tragedy occurs. By inspecting buildings during and after construction, code officials across the nation help to ensure that buildings in our communities are safe, sound and accessible places to live, work, play and learn.

What is The International Code Council?

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. The International Codes are the most widely adopted and enforced codes in the United States. Most U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt codes use those developed by the International Code Council. The International Code Council is headed by Chief Executive Officer James Lee Witt.

What is the International Code Council Foundation?

The International Code Council Foundation, a subsidiary of the International Code Council, is dedicated to reducing the impact of natural disasters and other building tragedies by promoting ideas, methods and technologies that encourage the construction of durable, sustainable buildings. James Lee Witt will announce the plans of the Foundation at a Capitol Hill Briefing. The briefing will be followed by a short informal session with individuals interested in becoming involved in the International Code Council Foundation.

How You Can Support Building Safety

Members of Congress, lawmakers and all elected officials can help to advance building safety by supporting code development in the private sector, recognizing the role code officials play in protecting the public and providing resources to fund state and local building departments. Strategic partners can promote building safety by continuing to champion for the International Code Council, its code development process and the adoption of I-Codes across the United States.

Capitol Hill Building Safety Briefing

The International Code Council and the International Code Council Foundation are proud to host a Capitol Hill Briefing in celebration of Building Safety Week. Attending the briefing will be members of Congress dedicated to building safety and concerned with homeland security and terrorism issues that affect public safety, as well as strategic partners of the International Code Council.