



What Is The **INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (ICC)?**

The International Code Council is an American, non-profit corporation, headquartered in Washington D.C., and with regional offices in Brea, Cal., Birmingham, Ala., and Country Club Hills, Ill.

- Dedicated to all aspects of building safety including fire prevention, plumbing and sanitation, property maintenance, energy efficiency and resilience.
- Mission: provide highest quality codes, standards, products and services for all concerned with the safety and performance of the built environment.
- Administers the development and maintenance of 15 model codes and 8 standards used to construct residential and commercial buildings in the U.S. including schools and hospitals.
- Not for profit organization.
- 64,000 members.
- 370 state and local chapters throughout the United States.
- Founding members include the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the American Gas Association (AGA), the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) and the National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC).

The Importance of Strong, Updated Building Codes

- According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the average person spends nearly 90% of their life inside buildings.
- Model codes set minimum requirements for building design, construction and operation to protect public health, safety and the natural resources that sustain us.
- The process of updating model codes every three years is optimal to ensure new technologies, materials and methods can be incorporated into the next generation of buildings to help us build better, smarter buildings as cost effectively as possible.
- Research has shown that strong building codes are our first and best line of defense against natural disasters.
- A National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) study concluded, on average, every \$1 spent on mitigation at the federal level saves \$11 in disaster relief.

Where are the International Codes (I-Codes) Adopted?

- The *International Building Code (IBC)* is adopted in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- The *International Fire Code (IFC)* is in use in 41 states and the District of Columbia.
- The *International Residential Code (IRC)* is in use in 49 states and the District of Columbia.
- The *International Plumbing Code (IPC)* is in use in 37 states and the District of Columbia.
- The *International Mechanical Code (IMC)* is in use in 46 states and the District of Columbia.
- The International Codes are in use in Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Importance of ICC

- Updated codes promote safe, resilient, efficient, and cost effective construction.
- Current codes protect the building owner's investment, enhance safety and foster innovation in the marketplace.
- For consumers, updated codes mean lower maintenance costs such as lower energy and water bills, less mechanical noise, and an overall higher quality of life.
- Current building codes spur innovation and are an incentive for American manufacturers to invest in product development.
- Current building codes also create a demand for new jobs including code enforcers, technical experts, tradesmen, construction workers, quality control assessors, and building and systems commissioning agents.

ICC's Services

- Code Development
- Product Evaluation
- Product Testing & Inspection
- Content Management
- Membership
- Certification
- Codification
- Publications
- Plan Review
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