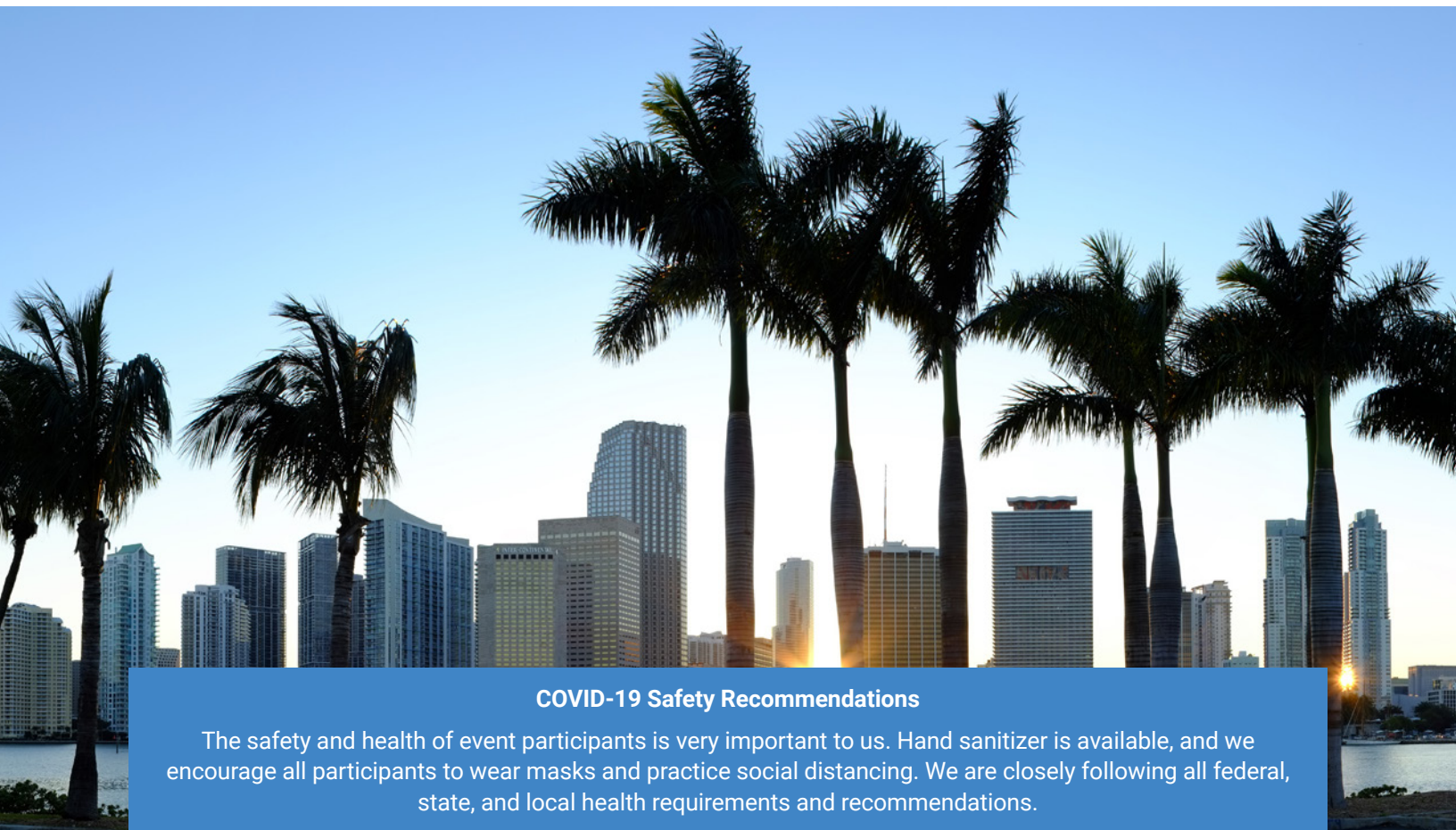


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Tuesday, August 17, 2021  
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## COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

The safety and health of event participants is very important to us. Hand sanitizer is available, and we encourage all participants to wear masks and practice social distancing. We are closely following all federal, state, and local health requirements and recommendations.

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**Host:** Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF)

**Conveners:** Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA),  
International Code Council, National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS)

**Event Description:** Held in the wake of the Surfside, Florida building collapse, this dialogue will focus on how communities monitor the safety of existing buildings, what guidance exists for building owners, and how future catastrophic events can be avoided. Participants will not be looking into the causation of the building collapse but instead focusing on the broader questions related to frequency of inspections, structural safety, maintenance, and the application of current building codes and standards. The goal of the discussion is to establish a channel for the building safety community to have a dialogue and develop information that could inform policy makers as they consider questions raised by the tragic collapse of the Champlain Towers South.

## AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:15 AM**     **Welcome Remarks**     Speaker: BOAF
- Event Details**     Speaker: Whitney Doll, Executive Vice President of  
Communications and Strategic Initiatives,  
International Code Council
- 9:15 – 10:45 AM**     **Panel 1: The Codes and Existing Buildings**
- Panelists will cover current building codes and standards that relate to structural safety, existing buildings, and property maintenance. What do the codes say? Are there any gaps or improvements needed?
- **Moderator:** Dominic Sims, CBO, Chief Executive Officer, International Code Council
  - Sergio T. Ascunce, Past President BOAF, Deputy Building Official
  - Tanya Brown-Giammanco, Director of Disaster and Failure Studies, National Institute of Standards and Technology
  - Joe DiPompeo, PE, SECB, F.SEI, F.ASCE, President, SEI
  - Anne Ellis, P.E., Hon.M.ACI, F.ASCE, M.NAC, Chair-elect of the National Institute of Building Sciences
  - Michael Fillion, PE, SECB, Representing NCSEA
  - Forrest Masters, Ph.D., P.E. (FL), Professor and Assoc. Dean for Research and Facilities, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, University of Florida
  - Michael Pfeiffer, P.E., Senior Vice President of Technical Services, International Code Council
  - James Schock, P.E., C.B.O., Florida Building Commission, Chair
- 10:45 – 11:30 AM**     **Panel 1 Q&A**
- 11:30 AM – NOON**     **Lunch**

NOON – 1:30 PM

## Panel 2: Building Inspections

Panelists will discuss the current process for building inspections, including current guidelines for frequency and how they are performed. What recommendations, practices or technology will enhance building inspections in the future? What additional resources (ex. training) do building safety professionals need?

- **Moderator:** Drew N. Rouland, MBA, PMP, Vice President, National Institute of Building Sciences
- Tom Allen, Lake County Building Services, representing BOAF
- William Bracken, P.E., Executive VP, J.S. Held LLC
- Anne Cope, PhD, P.E., Chief Engineer, Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety
- Judy Frydland, Attorney at Law, LCC
- Robert Hertle, Review Engineer & BPVI Board Member
- Roberto T. Leon, DM ASCE, D.H. Burrows Professor of Construction Engineering, Virginia Tech
- Jon Pasqualone, Executive Director, Florida Fire Marshals & Inspectors Association
- John C. Pistorino, P.E. S.I., President, Pistorino & Alarm Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- William Sklar, Florida Bar Board Certified Real Estate Attorney, Chair of the Condominium Law & Policy Life Safety Advisory Task Force
- Bill Truex, President of Truex Preferred Construction, Florida Home Builders Association, Past President, Charlotte County Commissioner

1:30 – 2:15 PM

## Panel 2 Q&A

2:15 – 2:30 PM

## Break

2:30 – 4:00 PM

## Panel 3: Property Management and the Real Estate Industry

Panelists will explore building safety from the perspective of property owners and managers. What are the responsibilities and best practices of building management regarding operations and maintenance? How does the overall system of inspections, codes and standards work in practice to promote the safety of existing buildings?

- **Moderator:** Ken Rosenfeld, Director of State and Local Affairs, BOMA International
- Mary Lantz, RPA, LCAM, Group Manager, Jones Lang LaSalle, Chair of BOMA International GA Committee
- Daniel L. Lavrich, P.E., S.I., SECB, F.ASCE, F.SEI, Chair, Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals, Member of Florida Building Commission Structural Technical Advisory Committee
- Clayton Parker, CBO, Building Official, City of Sunny Isle Beach Florida, Representing BOAF
- John Scott, Managing Director, Colliers International
- Nicole Upano, Director of Public Policy, National Apartment Association

4:00 – 4:45 PM

## Panel 3 Q&A

4:45 – 5:00 PM

## Closing Remarks

Speaker: Dominic Sims, CBO, Chief Executive Officer,  
International Code Council

Thank you for attending this panel discussion.  
Please send any research, topics or suggestions to [jfranklin@iccsafe.org](mailto:jfranklin@iccsafe.org).



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