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Building Safety Month Week Three Helps Prepare Communities and Individuals for Disasters

The Code Council and its partners underscore the importance of disaster preparedness with free digital resources and a live webinar with FEMA's senior leaders

Washington, D.C. – The International Code Council's 42nd annual Building Safety Month campaign continues with <u>week three</u>, focused on the four phases of emergency management. Throughout this week, the Code Council and its members and partners will emphasize the importance of disaster preparedness and share key resources to help individuals increase the safety and resiliency of their communities before, during and after a natural or manmade disaster.

Week three will include a free educational webinar, "FEMA's New Building Code Strategy and Hazard Mitigation Programs that Support Community Resilience", on May 17 from 2–3 PM ET. The discussion will explore <u>FEMA's</u> plans to integrate building codes and standards across its agency and strengthen nationwide building code capability to reduce future damage and save lives. It will also provide a first look at the new Federal Emergency Management Agency's Building Code Strategy. You can register for the webinar <u>here.</u>

"The forecast for the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season, starting in June, predicts that there will be above-normal activity, which means now is the time to make sure you, your family and your friends are prepared," said Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. "One of the best ways to prepare for a disaster is to be sure your community is built to the most up-to-date, modern building codes and standards. We cannot stop natural disasters from happening, but we hope the resources and information we continue to make available to the public can help ensure communities stay informed on how to best prepare for them."

There is still time to register for the two remaining free virtual events that will take place next week focused on creating a safe and abundant water supply. Register for these events on the Building Safety Month events page.

This year's Building Safety Month Foundational Sponsor is American Gas Association. This week's sponsors include <u>Simpson Strong-Tie</u> and <u>State Farm</u>. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, click <u>here</u>.

There is still time to join the more than 200 municipalities and organizations that have issued proclamations for Building Safety Month. View the proclamations for Building Safety Month or submit, <u>here</u>.

For communities or individuals that would like to participate in Building Safety Month:

- View this year's Building Safety Month campaign video.
- <u>Check out our campaign promotion guides</u>, including how to host a webinar and run a social media campaign.
- <u>Download campaign images</u>, including the campaign poster, web banners, social media graphics and video call backgrounds.
- Re-share social media posts from the Code Council about Building Safety Month along with the hashtag #BuildingSafety365. For easy reference, here are links to the Code Council accounts: <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Instagram</u>.

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The <u>International Code Council</u> is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.