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### **Two new International Code Council online code tools now available**

*These free tools offer detailed information about global building code usage and U.S. adoptions*

**Washington, D.C.** – The International Code Council launched two online building code tools for building safety professionals and the public to access free information about building code usage in their communities.

Created in partnership with the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) and the Insurance Services Office (ISO), the [U.S. code adoption database](#) is an interactive map that shares code adoption information at the state and local level. A one-of-a-kind U.S. code adoption tool, the database displays which codes are adopted within each state/jurisdiction and provides context and links to access further code information.

The database also contains a color-coded map for each of the fifteen International Codes (I-Codes) – the most widely used model building codes in the world – showing statewide code adoptions around the U.S. The most current adoption information is maintained across the site through a collaboration effort between the Code Council, FLASH and ISO.

The [Global Building Codes Tool](#) provides information about the building codes and standards used in countries around the world. Users may select a country from the world map to view information about the respective building safety regulation agencies, and the building codes and standards referenced and enforced within that country. The tool is designed to help manufacturers and designers who are interested in exporting their products and services to markets outside the United States, as well as to government officials around the world who are monitoring these regulations which impact market entry. It also represents a key component of the Code Council's Strategic Partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration.

“Building codes represent a highly cost-effective strategy to help protect communities from the risks posed by natural and man-made events,” said Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. “We are very excited to launch these two databases that provide important code information that is useful to all community stakeholders.”

A recent study published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) affirmed the significant benefits up-to-date building codes provide communities. The Building Codes Save: A

Nationwide Study features an in-depth look at the quantified benefits—avoided losses to buildings and building contents—from adopting modern building codes and standards. To access the full FEMA report, [click here](#). For more Information on how building codes help communities mitigate hazard risks, [click here](#).

Links to resources:

- [U.S. Code Adoption Database](#)
- [Global Building Codes Tool](#)

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### **About the International Code Council**

The [International Code Council](#) 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.