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The Florida Building Code Story:

Building Safety, Resilience and Affordability

For more than 20 years, the Florida Building Code (FBC) has helped save lives, protect property and safeguard Floridians' way of life by improving building resiliency and ensuring that new construction is built to withstand the state's challenging climate. Florida's experience offers several key lessons for policymakers, builders and community leaders aiming to strengthen their built environment through effective code development and implementation.

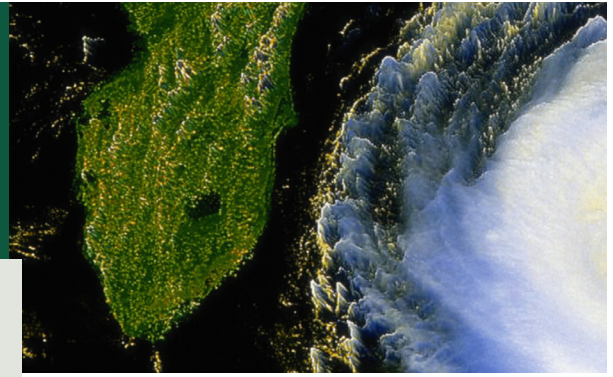
The International Code Council has published a case study about the development of Florida's statewide building code, its impacts to the region and how it can serve as a blueprint for other states to develop their own statewide codes.

Key takeaways:


- Strong, regularly updated and well-enforced building codes are essential for building safety and resilience.
- The FBC stays effective by continuously incorporating new updates, allowing it to adapt to evolving challenges.
- A statewide code helps unify regulations across disaster-prone regions, making enforcement more efficient and consistent.
- Proper code enforcement is vital to prevent violations that can lead to serious risks for lives and properties.
- Public education and awareness are critical to gaining support for building codes, and Florida's proactive approach serves as a model for other states.
- Ongoing communication with stakeholders ensures smoother implementation and greater compliance with code changes.



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“It is really the building code and tremendous infrastructure that Florida has placed upon the consumers have long term and affordable options.”

—Michael Yaworski,
Florida Insurance Commissioner

“If you built to code with new construction, you can withstand hurricanes in Florida.”

—Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida via
Building Codes: The Florida Resilience Story

“Plain and simple the Florida building code works.”

—Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director,
Florida Division of Emergency Management

“I was excited where you saw how resilient the homes were, simply because the building codes work.”

—Jimmy Patronis, Florida Chief Financial Officer
(now a member of congress)