CAREER STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE
Getting started in the Building Safety Profession

1. Learn the basics of the profession at the Code Council’s Building Safety Career Path Page

2. Research the type of construction that is predominant in the communities where you want to work

3. Contact local building departments to find out required prerequisites/certifications
   • Find out what jobs are available, what areas building departments are focusing on and what staffing resources they need
   • The Code Council Career Center is a great resource to search for jobs in the building safety industry

Once you determine what credential(s) you want to pursue, get the resources you need to prepare and successfully obtain the credential
   • A great starting point for many building safety positions is the Code Council’s Residential Building Inspector (R1) certification
   • To prepare for the R1 certification exam, follow the Residential Building Inspector Career Path
   • The Learning Center has several other certification exam career paths:
     ▪ Commercial Building Inspector Career Path
     ▪ Permit Technician Career Path
     ▪ Residential Plumbing Inspector Career Path
     ▪ Fire Inspector I Career Path

4. Become a member of the Code Council
   • A great benefit of membership is connection to the Code Council’s national network of Chapters.
   • Another benefit is the Code Council’s mentoring program.
   • Join one of the Code Council’s six discipline focused Membership Councils to collaborate and network with peers in the specific field you pursue.

A great place for young professionals to start

5. Our Customer Success Team is here to help you navigate the resources available and answer your questions

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