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### **Take part in keeping communities safe with Building Safety Month**

*Join a wide variety of public and private organizations this May to create safer communities worldwide*

**Washington, D.C.** – This May, the International Code Council will celebrate the 39<sup>th</sup> consecutive Building Safety Month. Each year, the Code Council partners with building professionals, corporations, government agencies and other advocates to shine a light on the role building codes play in making our communities safer and more resilient. This year, Building Safety month will focus on five topic areas: preparing for natural disasters; training and education; clean and abundant water; construction professionals partnering with homeowners; and innovations in building safety.

Building codes are developed through a collaborative process with a wide range of stakeholders. Building Safety Month reflects the importance of these collaborations – whether it’s between building inspectors and fire marshals, or construction workers and homeowners – in ensuring a safer built environment in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the American Gas Association (AGA) are among the many organizations supporting Building Safety Month 2019. They share the Code Council’s commitment to developing innovative codes that meet the evolving needs of builders, homeowners and communities.

“Disaster resilience starts with building codes because they enhance public safety and property protection. FEMA encourages robust code enforcement, and FEMA is a partner in education and training to help convey the value of standardized, up-to-date building codes,” said John L. Ingargiola, EI, CBO, CFM, Lead Physical Scientist of FEMA’s Building Science Branch.

“Building Safety Month provides NAHB with an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of building codes that protect public health, safety and welfare without unnecessarily increasing construction costs,” said Paul Michelsohn, NAHB’s Construction Codes and Standards Chairman. “Having building codes that provide homeowners assurance that the homes they are buying or remodeling will be safe is critical to the home building industry.”

“The American Gas Association considers safety the top priority, and the ICC codes provide a solid foundation to achieve safety in the built environment,” commented Jim Ranfone, AGA’s Managing Director of Building Codes and Standards. “Building Safety Month provides the opportunity to showcase the benefits of ICC membership, the I-Codes themselves, the collaborative efforts of the many different stakeholders working together, and recognition of the code officials who are responsible for enforcing those codes.”

For the complete list of sponsors, [click here](#). If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please [click here](#) to get your organization involved in the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Building Safety Month.

If you would like to get involved in your own community, learn more at [www.buildingsafetymonth.org](http://www.buildingsafetymonth.org) and join the conversation by using the hashtag #BuildingSafety365 on social media.

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

The [International Code Council](#) is a member-focused association dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets [choose the International Codes](#).