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New Code Council books focus on accessibility

Two new books from the International Code Council—*Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities 2003 Standard and Commentary*, and *CalDAG 2009 An interpretive Manual and Checklist*—explain how to design and build to accessibility guidelines.

Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities 2003 Standard and Commentary will help design and construction professionals better understand and apply the nation’s federal accessibility building standard, ICC/ANSI A117.1-2003. The commentary is developed by accessibility experts with decades of design, construction, application and code enforcement experience.

The publication includes graphics, examples, explanations, technical provisions or the “how to” for accessibility in the design and construction of new buildings and facilities. It discusses the background of provisions to help designers and builders correctly understand and apply ICC/ANSI A117.1-2003, and is coordinated with the 2004 Americans with Disabilities Act/Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines, including new provisions for child sizes and judicial facilities. The standard and commentary also provides information on assembly seating, different levels of accessibility required in different types of institutional and residential facilities, and is a “safe harbor” document for compliance with the Fair Housing Act Accessibility Guidelines.

The *Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities 2003 Standard and Commentary* is available in print from the Code Council online bookstore, www.iccsafe.org/store, and in digital format from www.eCodes.biz. Jurisdictions using the ICC/ANSI A117.1-1998 can obtain the Standard and Commentary for that publication in digital format at www.eCodes.biz.

The sixth edition of the *CalDAG 2009 An interpretive Manual and Checklist* is the only reference that combines California and ADA Accessibility Guidelines. It contains 2008 and recently adopted 2009 California references. The book includes technical standards and hundreds of diagrams.

Author Michael P. Gibbens has published 13 books on the subject and with more than 20 years exclusively committed to disabled access compliance, he is one of California’s most sought after consultants on the subject matter.

The *CalDAG 2009 An interpretive Manual and Checklist*, is available at the Council's bookstore, www.iccsafe.org/store.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

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