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Top 5 Ways Building Codes Make Your Summer Safer

Summertime fun means backyard parties, swimming and barbeques. Before the fun begins, there are simple steps you can take to ensure the safety of your family and guests. Building safety codes can prevent tragedies such as water-related injury and death, porch collapse and fire. Code officials are the “first preventers” ensuring that codes are in place to make your backyard safer, including:

- 5. Grilling safety**
- 4. Protection from electric shock**
- 3. Safe porches, decks and balconies**
- 2. Pool and spa drain covers**
- 1. Pool fences and alarms**

For details on each of these items, visit buildingsafetyweek.org. Check your in-box for top home maintenance tips on April 24.

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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