

International Code Council Government Relations Update – May 2015

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May Is Building Safety Month!

This year's overall theme is *Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes*. Each week has its own theme, sponsor, and events, so click the links below to find out more!

- Week One // May 4-10, 2015
Don't Get Burned – Build to Code: <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/building-safety-month/week-one-may-4-10/>
- Week Two // May 11-17, 2015
Bounce Back Faster from Disaster – Build to Code: <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/building-safety-month/week-two-may-11-17/>
- Week Three // May 18-24, 2015
Water Safe, Water Smart – Build to Code: <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/building-safety-month/week-three-may-18-24/>
- Week Four // May 25-31, 2015
Save Energy – Build to Code: <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/building-safety-month/week-four-may-25-31/>

Proclaim Building Safety Month Across the Country!

Now that it's finally here, we need everyone's support to make sure as many people know about the vital and often thankless work that building safety professionals do. Getting official proclamations from chapters, local jurisdictions, and state legislatures and governors is a great way to dramatically increase the awareness of how much codes and standards mean to everyday life. ICC has provided a helpful guide to getting proclamations:

http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Documents/2015/2015_BSM_Proclam_Guide.pdf, as well as a sample proclamation anyone can sign:

http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Documents/2015/PR/2015_BSM_Proclam_Template.pdf. Send your signed proclamations to BSM@iccsafe.org and see them on the website!

Can You Run a Building Safety Month Event?

The answer is: probably yes, and now is the time to begin planning a Chapter event! All the Building Safety Month promotional and educational resources you need are at www.buildingsafetymonth.org, including step-by-step instructions to help you organize a community activity, obtain resolutions from your mayors, and more. You may download many of the Building Safety Month toolkit items completely free from the website. You may also purchase printed brochures, stickers, pencils and other promotional items from the International Code Council's online store while supplies last.

ICC Chapters are such an important part of this annual initiative. Be sure to send me any photos, news items or information about the Building Safety Month events you sponsor. We want to feature your efforts in our news outlets! If you have questions or need help accessing any of the Building Safety Month resources, call the ICC Customer Service at 1-800-786-4452 or email BSM@iccsafe.org.

Register for the FREE Nonpotable Water Systems Webinar Now

In honor of Building Safety Month, ICC is hosting a free webinar on the provisions in the 2015 IPC pertaining to nonpotable water systems. It summarizes the health and safety issues addressed in the code for these systems when installed for many indoor or outdoor applications.

Upon completion, participants will be better able to:

- List the sources of nonpotable water permitted with in the IPC
- Identify those specific components that make up rainwater and graywater reuse systems
- Determine appropriate uses for nonpotable water under the IPC.

Register here: <http://shop.iccsafe.org/education-and-certification/live-schedule/nonpotable-water-system-provisions-in-the-2015-ipc-051915.html>

ICYMI - Get Grant Funding for Code Enforcement – Here's How to Apply

The Housing and Community Development Act and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regulations permit the use of CDBG funds for selected code enforcement activities performed by ICC Governmental Member jurisdictions. Click here to learn how ICC can assist and support ICC Members in securing funding: <http://forums.iccsafe.org/gr/Documents/ICC-CDBG-Funding.pdf>