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“Investing in Technology for Safety, Energy & Water Efficiency” is the theme for Building Safety Month Week Four

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“That cranky building inspector says I have to use this type of construction material instead of the bargain-basement stuff that’s on sale at the Big Box store. Who is he to say that?”

If the building official is using one or more of the International Code Council’s family of codes, also known as the *International Codes*, he isn’t just pulling those requirements out of thin air. He is basing the decision on the expertise of thousands of ICC members and partners who contribute to developing minimum standards designed for safe and sustainable construction.

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Since it was founded by the ICC in 1980, Building Safety Month has been an annual public safety awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures.

ICC members and partners include scientists who are leading the way in designing and constructing safe, efficient, and resilient homes and buildings. Up-to-date building safety codes and standards enable the technology to be incorporated into buildings while ensuring the safety of lives, properties and investments.

“Part of the International Code Council’s mission is to provide the highest quality codes and standards for all concerned with the safety and performance of the built environment,” said ICC Board President Dwayne Garriss, Georgia State Fire Marshal.

“With today’s understanding of the need to conserve water and other natural resources, and the need for energy conservation and better use of our renewable resources, ICC’s code development process

allows industry leaders to refine codes to address newer technology and products, thereby ensuring adoption of the most up-to-date safety practices.”

Whether you’re considering renovating, remodeling, or building from the ground up, look for the latest in technology, and make sure it is based on the codes and standards that put safety and efficiency first.

It’s crucial to do so. The biggest investment most people will ever make is when they buy a home. A home represents security—a place where people will live, raise their families, and share life with others.

Whether you own or rent a home, following the building codes during construction or remodeling can help protect your health and safety, and your investment as well. In addition to helping make your home safe, the building codes can also help make your home more energy efficient, use less water, and conserve resources.

The permit from your qualified inspector protects you and the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety and welfare.

It’s a smart investment to build and remodel your home to the latest codes, all backed by the most up-to-date science and technology.

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About the International Code Council

The International Code Council is a member-focused association. It is 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.