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Interactive DVD Equips Designers, Code Officials, Contractors for Residential Design and Construction

Illustrated Codes for Designers: Residential explains laws, codes, standards

A picture, especially for complex design issues, is worth a thousand words. So what is an interactive DVD that describes laws, code provisions, standards and how they affect residential design and construction worth?

The new DVD, [*Illustrated Codes for Designers: Residential*](#), is based on the [2009 International Residential Code](#) (IRC). It creates an active learning environment with relevant examples and explanations, which building departments can quickly use to show designers what is incorrect or missing in a plan. The DVD explores each stage of the design process, including plumbing, mechanical and electrical provisions in the design of one- and two-family dwellings.

"I love the format," said Sheila Flener of Western Kentucky University. "I think architects, other design professionals and students will like having the interactive areas, especially having access to codes sites in various cities."

"*Illustrated Codes for Designers: Residential* brings the details of the IRC to life as animations," said Sandra Hyde, PE, ICC Staff Engineer. "The DVD thoroughly covers the *International Residential Code* in an easy to understand layout with figures and animations useful to the construction community and building departments. It is a perfect mix to aid designers and plan reviewers of all calibers."

[*Illustrated Codes for Designers: Residential*](#), authored by [Katherine S. Ankerson](#)—Kansas State University, Department of Interior Architecture and Product Design, is now available through the International Code Council for \$76.50 (Member price); \$85 (nonmember).

Ankerson, backed by 15 years of architectural and interior design, skillfully offers graphic and written timelines illustrating key times during project phases to consult specific laws, codes, regulations, and standards; multiple interactive tools that encourage critical decision making; and case studies that provide examples in application of varying scope, reflecting the wide variation in design and contractor practice.

Not only is the DVD an excellent resource for building departments, designers and builders, the format works well for today's design students.

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