

The International Codes Promote the Design and Construction of Affordable, Safe and Energy Efficient Homes

- The International Codes are developed with several goals in mind: Safeguard public health, safety and welfare.
- It is an American dream to own a home. Affordability is a major consideration. Codes enhance economic development thru the utilization of state-of-the art technology in materials research, design and construction practices, and risks/hazards to the public in buildings and structures.
- Codes streamline the building regulatory system through a single family of codes that brings consistency and compatibility to multiple layers of requirements existing at the international, federal, state and local levels.
- Building codes minimize long term costs, meaning that when disaster strikes, the costs associated with rebuilding, lost productivity, human life - are minimized.
- Energy efficiency represents cost savings that pay for themselves several times over - and updating codes means achieving the latest standards in energy efficiency.
- Building and fire safety codes are a small price to pay when it comes to protecting the lives of loved ones.
- Water is becoming an increasingly scarce commodity, especially in rural and developing areas. Plumbing and green codes ensure water isn't wasted, saving on water bills and sparing needed infrastructure.

- The I-Codes streamline the process of building a house or other structure and eliminates conflicts between levels of government, saving contractors and government money.
- Home ownership is a quintessential American dream. Building to code is the best way to protect life's biggest investment.
- Structures built to code are built right the first time. No costs for endless renovations or repairs, which often disrupt productivity in the home or workplace.
- Building to energy efficient and green codes can qualify both contractors and building owners for special tax incentives, often offsetting costs for improvements that are already money-saving long-term.
- ICC's codes are drafted and updated by code officials and building professionals, meaning that cost-saving building innovations are incorporated into the codes themselves as they are updated.