

Get Ready for Building Safety Month in May

Now is the time to begin thinking about what you can do to celebrate Building Safety Month in your community during the month of May. Whether you are a one person building department, or an ICC Chapter, there are lots of ways you can join together with thousands of communities across the United States to celebrate Building Safety Month. Here are a few ideas to consider:

Department Displays – Put out Building Safety Month brochures, flyers, and kids activity sheets at your building department counter. Put up a Building Safety Month poster on the wall.

Proclamation – Get an official Building Safety Month Proclamation signed by your Mayor, Commissioner, or Governor. A template proclamation is provided for free from ICC.

Community Event – Set up an information table for a day at a supermarket, retailer, or home improvement store. Work with your local stores to promote building safety in the community.

Safety Demonstrations - Give 10 minute briefings and safety demonstrations about building safety topics.

Cookouts – Join with other departments and hold a cookout for the community, host raffles for local charities, and feature guest speakers on building safety tips and information.

School Events – Hold a building safety outreach at a local elementary, junior high or high school. Topics can range from planning a safe escape route from the home, to careers in building safety, construction or engineering.

Presentations – Plan to give a presentation to the Lions Club, Kiwanis or other social clubs in your community.

News Releases – Send a news release about Building Safety Month to the local newspaper. ICC has a fill-in-the-blank template that provides everything you need.

Teamwork - Recruit a team in your office who will commit to participate in all activities. Your team may include building and fire code officials, plans examiners, inspectors, fire department staff, administrative staff, family members and/or volunteers.

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| <p>Resources – More details about how you can promote Building Safety Month, as well as many free resources, are available from ICC at www.BuildingSafetyMonth.com</p> |
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