

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH MAY



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CODE COUNCIL RECOGNIZES FLORIDA'S COMMITMENT DURING BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Florida is a preferred global destination. Its attractions are many. It offers residents and visitors a sunny climate, beautiful beaches, entertainment for all ages, and places to see and be seen. It is a perfect place to raise a family, build a business, take a vacation, or retire when the time is right.



Florida in partnership with the Code Council has been a leader in the application of strong building codes and standards to protect families, businesses and tourists throughout the State.

But Florida is also at risk for natural disasters. Flooding, hail, hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfires happen here. That's why Florida leaders have put one of the nation's most effective building code systems in place. Thanks to decades of dedication, Florida codes not only ensure construction of safe and strong buildings, but ensure that families enjoy the latest innovations in energy efficiency, durability, and sustainability too.

Most Floridians understand the difference that modern building codes have made since Hurricane Andrew in 1992—especially when buildings and homes survived the deadly, back-to-back hurricanes of 2004 and 2005.

Beyond safety and performance, buildings constructed after the advent of new codes qualify for fire, flood, and wind insurance discounts. The savings are real. Consider flood insurance, a necessary expense for most Floridians. Thanks to model codes, 230 communities qualify for 5% to 35% in discounts, cumulatively saving more than \$195 million every year.

This puts money back in the budget for families and businesses alike.

In May, the Code Council, building and fire code officials, and other partners will commemorate Building Safety Month. At that time, we will recognize Florida as a national leader in the application of modern building codes on behalf of its citizens, communities, and future generations.

We congratulate Florida leaders for serving as the standard bearers for safety. You're not only preserving our way of life, but protecting paradise too.

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