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Prepare Your Home for Natural Disasters with Week Two of Building Safety Month

Week Two of the Code Council's Building Safety Month campaign provides resources and tools to help protect against disasters

Washington, D.C. – The International Code Council's Building Safety Month campaign enters its second week with an emphasis on the importance of building safety preparedness on protecting homes and communities from flooding, earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires and more. Preparing and planning for such disasters can significantly mitigate building damage and help create resilient communities around the world.

<u>Week Two</u>: Preparing a Building Safety Plan focuses on best practices to prepare your home and buildings in your community for disasters. Learn essential insights about fire and water safety measures, optimal home maintenance strategies, disaster readiness protocols and effective strategies for mitigating damage caused by natural disasters. Additionally, we'll explore sustainable practices aimed at fostering a cleaner, greener future for all.

"Building safety starts in the home," said Stuart Tom, CBO, President of the Code Council Board of Directors. "By planning ahead and preparing for unexpected hazards, together we can create safer and more resilient places to live."

Communities have begun to issue proclamations declaring May 2024 as Building Safety Month, including the <u>President of the United States</u> for the fourth year in a row. View the proclamations <u>here</u> or submit one <u>here</u>.

To participate in Building Safety Month:

- Visit <u>www.buildingsafetymonth.org/</u>
- Issue a proclamation declaring May 2024 as Building Safety Month. View the proclamations here and submit one here.
- Join us on social media and help <u>spread the word.</u> #BuildingSafety365
- Download the <u>promotional toolkit</u>.

• Discover <u>resources</u> for planning Building Safety Month events.

<u>American Gas Association</u> is the foundation sponsor of 2024 Building Safety Month. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, click <u>here</u>.

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About the International Code Council

The <u>International Code Council</u> is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.