

# Setting the Standard

## Key Updates from Building and Technical Standards

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### Unsafe and Imminent Danger Situations

Unsafe and imminent (immediate) danger situations involving buildings, construction or demolition sites can occur at any time. Often, local authorities become aware of these situations from concerned citizens in the community or their appointed building official.

Through provincial legislation ([The Construction Codes Act](#), [The Building Code Regulations](#), and [The Energy Code Regulations](#)), appointed building officials can offer services to municipalities for the enforcement of both unsafe and imminent danger situations. This can include building official orders or actions that the municipality can proceed with to place the site in a safe condition. Further information can be found on page 16 of the [Building Bylaw and Enforcement Guide](#).

### Saskatchewan Construction Week

In recognition of Construction Week in Saskatchewan, Building and Technical Standards extends sincere thanks to everyone in the construction industry for their commitment and professionalism. The delivery of safe, healthy and habitable buildings depends on the collaboration of building owners, local authorities, government, building officials, and skilled professionals. Each plays a vital role, whether through ensuring compliance, administering and enforcing standards, supporting legislation and policy, or contributing technical expertise. Through your combined efforts and under the guidance of *The Construction Codes Act*, Saskatchewan's built environment continues to improve for the benefit of all. Thank you for all that you do.

### Intent Statements for the 2020 National Model Codes

The Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes (CBHCC) has released the Intent Statements supplement to the 2020 National Model Codes. These documents explain the rationale behind requirements in the Codes and support code users in interpreting and applying acceptable solutions.

The Intent Statements also help code users understand what alternative solutions must meet. These statements are a resource for professionals who rely on the Codes for design, construction, enforcement, and compliance.

The Intent Statements are available to view or download for free by visiting the [NRC's Publications Archive](#).

More information about the code development process and the CBHCC can be found on the [CBHCC's website](#).

## Credit Cards Now Accepted

We are excited to announce that we now accept credit card payments! This new option makes it easier and more convenient for our clients to complete transactions quickly and securely. Whether you are paying for a building official licence or a deposit for a Saskatchewan Construction Standards Appeal Board hearing, you can now use credit cards to streamline the process.

## Upcoming Workshops

Building and Technical Standards (BTS) currently has workshops that are accepting registration. Visit the [BTS Course](#) page to register and see all workshops available.

- Fall 2025 Workshop – Virtual – October 24, 2025

## Construction Codes Advisories and Guides

The Building and Technical Standards branch is currently reviewing and updating its advisories and guides to ensure they reflect current codes and standards. As part of this effort, the following documents have been recently revised:

- [Sprinkler Systems in Alternative Family Care Homes](#) – updated August 2025

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