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A record number of safety professionals from around the world are expected at the 2026 ICC Annual Conference + Expo!

This year's event will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville on October 18-21. Network, earn CEUs, access career resources, socialize with peers, and participate in elections and other association business.

The attendance is an ICC record for a conference in a year without code hearings.

The conference agenda includes a variety of education and career development opportunities, including:

- Earning CEUs through building tours, an 8-track Education Program, Insight Education sessions, and panel discussions.
- New activities and displays at the Expo.
- Networking opportunities connect you with valuable peer resources.

Special guests include:



- Keynote speaker Dr. Mike Massimino (pictured at left), a NASA astronaut and best-selling author, will inspire you to identify the passion in your work.
- Country music star Scotty McCreery (pictured at right) will help us celebrate and honor our members and guests with a special private performance.



[Get more information](#) →

Send Us Photos of You at Work!

ICC invites all members to [share pictures and videos](#) of the impactful work they and their building safety colleagues are doing in the field. These photos and videos will be reviewed by ICC staff and could be featured at the 2026 Annual Conference.

UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

2007 Leadership Week and Committee Action Hearings Group A #1
April 12-22, 2027
Frisco, TX

Voter Validation Required by September 19

Voter validation is required to vote at the Annual Business Meeting. All governmental voting representatives who plan to attend the 2026 ABM in person need to be validated to vote on ICC business such as elections, bylaw amendments, and member resolutions. Voter validation for the 2026 ABM closes on September 19.

[Read more about the Annual Business Meeting and voter validation here](#) →

Annual Business Meeting Amendments Released for Review

ICC's 2026 Annual Business Meeting on October 19 in Nashville will feature reports from Board officers, committees, and the CEO, as well as voting on business matters, including the election of ICC Board Officers and Directors. The meeting will include voting on proposed bylaw amendments:

- [Background — Proposed 2026 Bylaw Amendments](#)
- [Proposed Bylaw Amendment 2026-1](#)
- [Proposed Bylaw Amendment 2026-2](#)

Code Action Committees Holding Meetings in September

ICC's [Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code Action Committee](#) (PMGCAC), [Fire Code Action Committee](#) (FCAC), and [Building Code Action Committee](#) (BCAC) will hold in-person meetings in Rosemont, Illinois, from Sept. 9–11. These Code Action Committee meetings are held to present new code change proposals, develop testimony for hearings and review public comments to help shape future editions of the International Codes® (I-Codes®).

[Find out more details here](#) →

Exam Development Committees Accepting New Members

The International Code Council has openings on various Exam Development Committees. Apply today to help contribute to the development and maintenance of ICC Certification exams! Application Deadline is **November 1**.

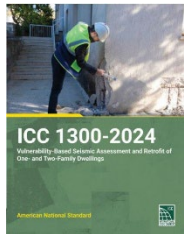
[Get information on Exam Development Committees or apply](#) →

Roadmap for Code Department Digitalization Released

With support from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the International Code Council developed a [Roadmap for Code Department Digitalization](#), identifying the stages of digitalization and providing jurisdictions with resources to identify their current stage and strategies to progress. [Strategies for Filling Digitalization Gaps](#), the companion guide, provides jurisdictions with important considerations and recommended approaches for overcoming common challenges.

[Learn more about digitalization options](#) →

Seismic Standard Adopted Into 2027 I-Codes®



The ICC 1300 Standard for the Vulnerability-Based Seismic Assessment and Retrofit of One- and Two-Family Dwellings has been finalized and accepted into the 2027 International Codes® (I-Codes®). The ICC 1300 standard establishes a nationally recognized, cost-effective framework for seismic retrofits by identifying and addressing the most common ways that homes fail during earthquakes. The standard was developed through ICC's ANSI Consensus Standards process, a collaborative effort involving engineers, code officials, industry stakeholders and public-sector partners.

[Learn why this matters](#) →

ICC Introduces New Standard for 3D Printing Walls

ICC 1150 – the newly established Standard for Automated Construction Technology for 3D Printing Walls – provides the framework needed to safely bring cutting-edge 3D printing into the construction industry. By establishing a consistent and technically rigorous framework, this standard represents a major milestone in the adoption of 3D printed construction. It gives engineers, architects, contractors and code officials the confidence to embrace advanced automated building methods while maintaining the safety, resiliency and performance expected of modern structures.

[Get more details on ICC 1150](#) →

2027 I-Codes® Incorporate ICC/MBI 1200 Series Standards

The 2027 International Codes®, including the International Building Code® (IBC) and International Residential Code® (IRC), now incorporate key provisions that streamline the approval of off-site construction. By enabling greater use of modular and off-site building methods, these provisions support faster project delivery, reduced waste and lower construction costs, helping address the nation's housing affordability challenges. The 2027 I-Codes incorporate the ICC/MBI 1200 series standards, including [ICC/MBI Standards 1200, 1205 and 1210](#).

[Learn about off-site construction in the I-Codes](#) →

Member Spotlight: Tricia Bennon, Pierce County, WA Building Official

Washington State's Tricia "Trish" Bennon started in the building industry in 1988 as a front counter technician, but was always drawn to building codes. Currently the Building Official for [Pierce County](#) and overseeing a staff of more than 20, Bennon appreciates problem-solving and finding different ways to ensure that code compliance is safe. She feels that the best way to find a beneficial path forward for all stakeholders is to be well-rounded and to understand the intent behind the codes. She also encourages involvement with state and local building official groups, as well as national organizations such as the International Code Council (ICC).

[Read more about Trish's work](#) →



Wyoming Conference of Building Officials Celebrates 50th Anniversary

In August, the Wyoming Conference of Building Officials (WCBO) celebrated its 50th anniversary during its annual gathering in Cody, Wyoming. The 50th Anniversary Conference served not only as a celebration of WCBO's past accomplishments but also as a testament to its continued commitment to building safety, professional development and service to Wyoming communities for generations to come.

[Find out more about WCBO](#) →

'When Disaster Strikes' Training Series Offered to Prepare Code Officials

The International Code Council's "When Disaster Strikes (WDS) Institute" prepares attendees to effectively respond to disasters. Through a combination of instruction, interactive activities and case study reviews, participants will learn the critical role of code officials in the wake of a disaster, the process of developing disaster preparedness plans, the types and availability of mutual aid, and the importance and process of coordinating and conducting preliminary damage assessments, substantial damage estimates and post-disaster building safety evaluations. The WDS Institute also serves as a resource for maintaining your When Disaster Strikes credential, with the goal of increasing the number of trained and qualified Post-Disaster Building Safety Evaluators and Coordinators.

[Read more on series schedule here](#) →

ICC Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Updates

Understanding Backflow Prevention in the 2024 I-Codes

Backflow is a critical concern in plumbing systems, particularly regarding the safety and quality of potable water. Defined in the [2024 International Plumbing Code® \(IPC\)](#), backflow occurs when water flows in the opposite direction from its intended path, potentially introducing contaminants into clean water supplies. Addressing backflow is more than a regulatory responsibility; it is essential for public health and safety. Understanding and adhering to the provisions outlined in the 2024 IPC, especially Section 608, can significantly reduce the risks associated with backflow incidents.

[Learn how codes can help protect water health and safety](#) →

Code Corner: Ventilation in 2024 IMC Chapter 4

This month, we're spotlighting the scope of Chapter 4 of the [2024 International Mechanical Code® \(IMC\)](#): Ventilation. Learn a little bit about mechanical ventilation systems for enclosed parking garages.

[Read more here](#) →

ICC Family of Solutions Updates

See Muncity's New Features in September 3 Overview

What if you could build your own reports, upload your own documents, and customize workflows to match your municipal processes? Join us for a live overview of [Muncity®](#) and see how municipalities are modernizing

operations with a single, connected platform. Get a first look at three powerful new capabilities, designed to deliver greater customization, efficiency, and control from day one. [Register for the webinar](#) →

Webinar: AI for Local Government: Smarter Services, Better Decisions

Is your organization exploring how AI can improve operations, enhance service delivery, and better support your community? Join our upcoming webinar on September 9 to learn how local governments are putting AI to work. From streamlining administrative tasks to improving citizen engagement and decision-making, discover practical strategies and real-world examples that can help your team get started with confidence.

[Register for the webinar](#) →

Next Generation ICC-ES Testing Laboratory Celebrates Grand Opening



ICC Evaluation Service ([ICC-ES](#)) recently celebrated the grand opening of its 65,000-square-foot state-of-the-art testing laboratory in Elkhart, Indiana. The facility houses advanced testing environments, including a weathering laboratory, new materials laboratory, large-scale structural testing laboratory, benchtop fire laboratory and several state-of-the-art testing spaces designed to meet the evolving needs of the construction and manufacturing industries.

[Learn more about the facility](#) →

A2LA Accreditation Expands ICC-ES Certification for Electrical Products

The ICC-ES [Electrical Division](#) has achieved accreditation from the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) to ISO/IEC 17065, the internationally recognized standard for conformity assessment bodies that certify products, processes, and services. The accreditation enables ICC-ES to provide electrical product certification services in the United States. This milestone expands the Electrical Division's capabilities, bringing product certification into its portfolio and extending ICC-ES's established certification expertise to electrical products.

[Find out more about ICC-ES Electrical Division](#) →

New Pricing Plans Announced for Digital Codes Premium

There are new pricing plans for Digital Codes Premium: [Base](#), [Professional](#) and [Complete](#). The new plans are designed to simplify the buying process and better align with customer needs by offering the same tools and features across all plans, with the primary difference being the titles included. Read more about the new [pricing](#) and [plan details](#). [Learn more about Digital Codes Premium here](#) →