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## **Advancing Resilient Communities Through Science & Technology**

MADISON – The Alliance for Regulatory Coordination joins the International Code Council in observing May as Building Safety Month. This week we encourage all Wisconsinites to be aware of the science and technology utilized to ensure safe buildings throughout the State.

### **Science and Technology Lead the Way**

Science and technology are leading the way for designing and constructing safe, efficient and resilient homes and buildings. Up-to-date building safety codes and standards enable technology to be incorporated into buildings while ensuring safety for lives, properties and investments. So, whether you're considering renovating, remodeling or building from the ground up, look for the latest in technology and make sure it is based on the codes and standards that put safety and efficiency first.

### **The Codes Protect Your Investment**

The biggest investment most people will ever make is when they buy a home. Homes represent security, a place where people will live, raise their families and share life with others. Whether you own or rent a home, following the building codes during construction or remodeling can help protect your health and safety as well as your investment.

The building codes include research from experts that help ensure every phase of the construction process is done correctly. In addition to helping make your home safe, the building codes can also help make your home more energy efficient, and conserve water and resources.

If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by your community, the value of your investment could be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had

modifications without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied or make costly repairs.

A property owner who can show that code requirements were strictly and consistently met—as demonstrated by a code official’s carefully maintained records—has a strong ally if something happens to trigger a potentially destructive lawsuit. Your permit also allows the code official to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety and welfare. By following code guidelines, the completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends or future owners, plus you’ll benefit from the best energy efficient construction techniques that will continue to pay you back for the life of your home.

Invest wisely in your home or remodeling project. It’s a smart investment to build and remodel your home to the latest codes.

*The [International Code Council](#) is dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets choose the International Codes.*

*The [Alliance for Regulatory Coordination](#) is a consortium of 18 business, professional, trade and advocacy organizations involved in building design, construction and regulatory services in Wisconsin. The Alliance seeks regulatory services provided in the most efficient manner possible to effectively promote the health, safety and welfare of Wisconsin citizens and visitors.*