



# UP-TO-DATE CODES AND STANDARDS

## The Affordable Investment We Can't Afford to Ignore

The fire and emergency services strongly support the **adoption, implementation, and enforcement of the most up-to-date codes and standards.**

These codes and standards should be adopted **without amendment** to prioritize the safety of community members and first responders alike.

Any efforts to modernize infrastructure and communities must prioritize fire and life safety, ensuring that **affordability and modernity do not come at the expense of human lives.**

Policy, legislation, and regulation should **work in harmony** with national consensus codes and standards, **not undermine** them.



### Codes & standards save money

Adopting the latest building code requirements is affordable and improves resiliency and risk mitigation - saving \$11 for every \$1 invested.



### Codes & standards protect lives and property

Requirements in codes and standards help to create resilient buildings that give first responders and citizens the best chance of safety in an emergency.



### Codes & standards are a floor, not a ceiling

Undermining them brings the level of safety below the minimum acceptable level.



### Codes & standards are created by consensus

Established, national, non-partisan, consensus-based codes and standards development processes involve experts from all across the stakeholder spectrum, including industry, government, and the fire service.



### Codes & standards are research-based

National codes and standards are based on research and testing.



### Codes & standards are holistic

Codes and standards are designed to be comprehensive and holistic, ensuring a balanced approach to safety. If one piece is removed, safety can be placed at risk.