

BUILT TO LAST

A stylized graphic featuring a city skyline in shades of blue and teal. In the background, there are green mountains. Two white construction cranes are positioned within the skyline. The top half of the image has a solid orange background where the title is located.

Building Safety Month 2026:
Everything You Need to Know

March 24, 2026

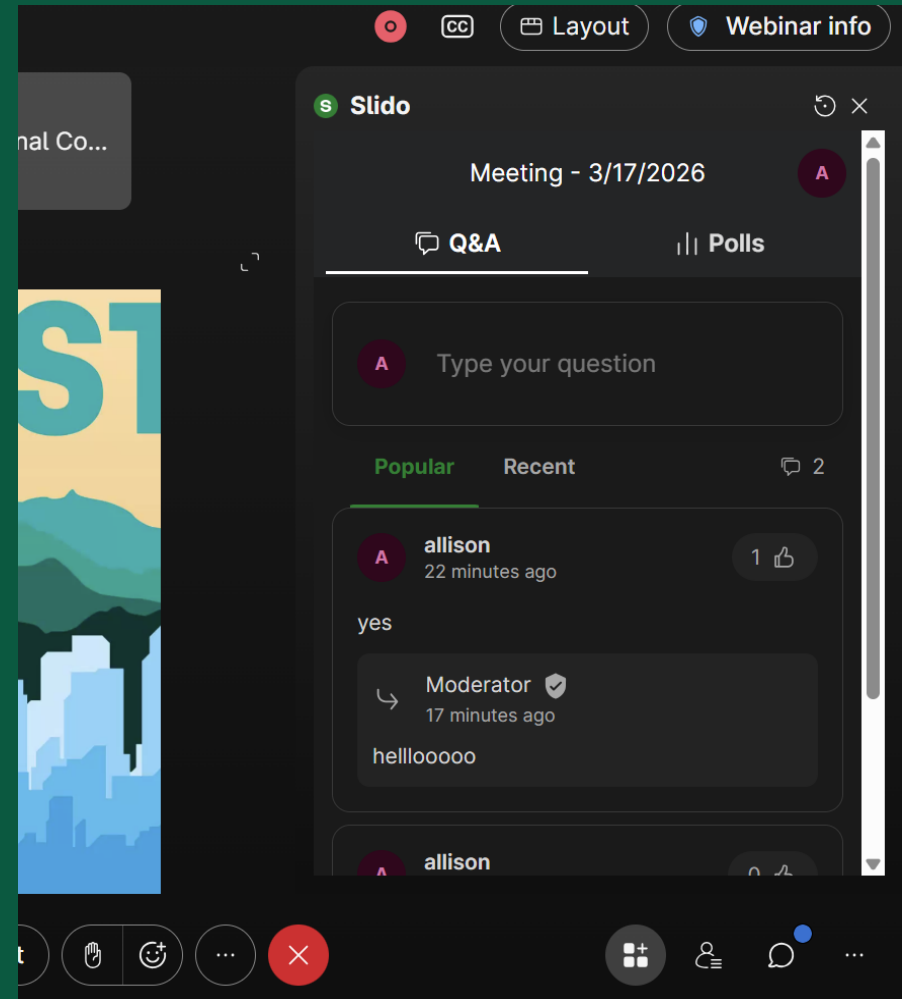
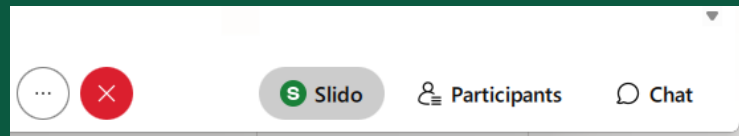
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2026 Building Safety Month: Built to Last



Week 1

May 1-10
Safe homes,
strong
communities



Week 2

May 11-17
Voices of the
built
environment



Week 3

May 18-24
Prepared to
Protect



Week 4

May 25-31
Communities
without limits

International Building Safety Day

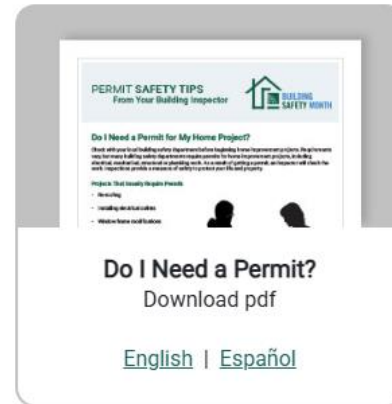
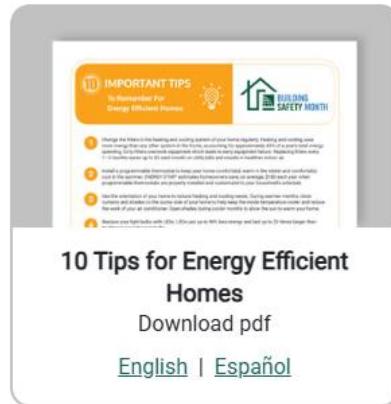


The Code Council recognizes May 22, 2026, as International Building Safety Day

- Spotlighting Building Safety worldwide
- Discover the latest global initiatives tackling pressing issues such as extreme weather events, water scarcity, sustainability, and more.

BSM 2026: What's New!

- New Videos
- Digital Brochures
- Spanish Resources
- Proclamation Pages Update



Submitting Kids' Proclamations

Kids can submit a proclamation to show their support for Building Safety Month!

Kids' Proclamation

Kids can now submit a proclamation to show their support for Building Safety Month!

Step 1: Download the proclamation [here](#).

Step 2: Complete the proclamation.

Step 3: Upload your proclamation in the form below, or click [here](#).

Step 4: Check back [here](#) to see your uploaded proclamation. *Allow two business days to see your proclamation posted.*



Need Help! 🙋



Guest Speakers

Ara Sargsyan
Building Official
Glendale, CA



Lea Issagholian
Sr. Permit Services
Technician
Glendale, CA



Ron Takiguchi
Building Official
Long Beach, CA



Renata Minoga
Permitting Manager
Winter Park, FL





City of Glendale – Building & Safety
Division

Ara Sargsyan, PE, CBO- Building official

Community Recognition

City Leadership Support

- Annual City Council proclamation
- Recognizes importance of building safety
- Raises public awareness
- Highlights contributions of building safety professionals



Partnerships with Industry

Working Together for Safer Communities

- Collaboration with architects, engineers, and contractors
- Joint community events and safety education programs
- Updates on building codes and new technologies
- Networking opportunities for professionals and residents



Public Outreach & Education

Connecting with the Community

- Public events and vendor expos
- Educational booths - city departments and industry partners
- Homeowner workshops on building safety
- Community discussions with city staff
- Educational social media outreach



Listening to the Industry

Improving Services

- “Listen to the Industry” sessions
- Feedback from design professionals and developers
- Identify opportunities to improve efficiency
- Enhance customer service and development processes



Lea Issagholian Senior Permit Technician





Engaging the Next Generation

- Presentations at local schools in Glendale
- Introduce students to engineering and construction careers
- made an effort to connect the topic to their everyday lives, showing them how building safety affects the spaces they use every day, like their classrooms and schools
- provided ICCs “Kids Corner” activity books, handouts, and merchandise



Inspiring Future Professionals

Programs for Students

- High school engineering competitions
 - Bridge-building challenges
 - Structural design activities
- Research projects on:
 - Earthquake engineering
 - Energy efficiency
 - Green building codes
- Scholarship opportunities for college students



Collaboration with Industry

Working Together for Safer Communities

- Contractors, engineers, homeowners, and community members were invited to attend.
- Multiple vendors and agencies shared resources and information on building and safety services.
- Interactive stations, building-related trivia, and educational giveaways for attendees.



BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Join us for a free event to celebrate Building Safety Month and network with the Departments and Industry Experts:

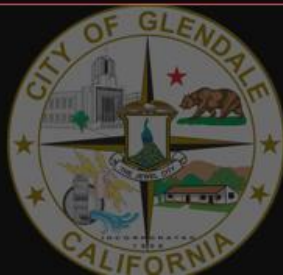
- ✓ Engineers
- ✓ Architects
- ✓ Contractors
- ✓ Glendale Community



11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Perkins Plaza
141 N. Glendale Ave.
Glendale, CA 91206



Thank you!





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INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

2025

City of Long Beach

Ron Takiguchi, P.E., CBO

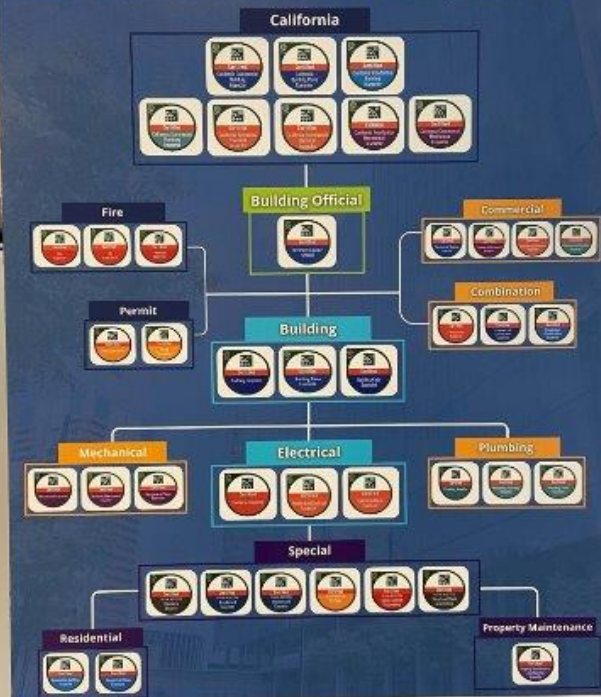
Interim Superintendent of
Building





Building & Safety Bureau International Code Council Certifications

Our Permit Center services are provided by certified professionals who have over 180 certifications across 43 unique credentials.





Long Beach Community Development
Building and Safety Bureau Case Studies

- Ensuring the safety and security of Long Beach residents and visitors
- Enforcing local and state regulations on the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and efficiency standards
- Promoting sustainability through energy and green design

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MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC IN MEETING COMPLAINTS

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DISCIPLINES OF BUILDING SAFETY

The Building Safety Profession covers every aspect of the life of a building, from planning and construction to use, operation and maintenance. Building Safety Professionals assist design professionals, contractors, building owners and the public to understand how to design, construct, operate and occupy buildings in conformance with the International Codes and technical standards adopted by local and state jurisdictions.



BUILDING

Addresses general materials and methods of construction, including heights and areas, occupancy classification, construction type, occupancy and use requirements, structural stability, interior and exterior finishes, means of egress, accessibility and safeguards during construction. (Click to learn about the [IBC](#), [IRC](#), [IFC](#))



FIRE

Addresses the hazards of smoke and fire arising from building operations, occupancy, storage and use, fire detection, suppression and alarm systems and conditions affecting safety of fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations. (Click to learn about the [IFC](#), [IFMUIC](#))



PLUMBING/MECHANICAL/FUEL GAS/POOLS/SPAS

Addresses the design construction, installation, operation and maintenance of plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas systems in buildings, also includes swimming pools and spas. (Click to learn about the [IPC](#), [IPSDC](#), [IMC](#), [IFGC](#), [ISPSC](#))



ELECTRICAL

Addresses the design, construction and installation of electrical components, appliances, equipment and systems in buildings. (Click to learn about the [NEC](#))



ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Addresses the design, construction and installation of energy conservation features in buildings, use of natural resources in building construction, and indoor environmental quality and comfort. (Click to learn about the [IECC](#), [IgCC](#))

THE LIFE OF A BUILDING

A building begins as an idea. From the moment a building is imagined, components of building safety shape its development, design, construction, operation and use, contributing to the quality of life and economic vitality of a community.

RENOVATIONS

If the owner wishes to alter an existing building's construction or change its use, the process is subject to the application and issuance of a building permit, construction inspection(s) and issuance of Certificate of Occupancy or Compliance by the Code Official. (Click to learn about the [IEBC](#))

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

The Fire Marshal periodically performs fire safety and property maintenance inspections to ensure the building is occupied, operated and maintained in conformance with applicable requirements of the code. (Click to learn about the [IFC](#), [IPMC](#))

CONSTRUCTION

The contractor constructs the building in accordance with approved plans and specifications. The Building Inspector conducts periodic inspections to ensure the work conforms with approved plans and specifications. Upon completion, a Certificate of Occupancy (or Certificate of Compliance) is issued by the Code Official.

PERMITTING

The design professional submits building plans, specifications and a building permit application to the Permit Technician. The Plans Examiner reviews the plans and specifications for conformance with local regulations and adopted codes and standards. Once the project is determined to comply, a building permit is issued by the Code Official.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The owner engages a design professional to plan and design a building. The Code Official assists the owner and design professional to understand proper application of zoning, codes and standards to the project. The Permit Technician provides assistance during the application and approval process.

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Renata Minoga

CBO, PMP, Assoc. AIA, NCIDQ,
Permitting Manager





BSM Journey Timeline

The critical transformation of a vision into Community awareness



Ideation Phase

Creating internal awareness of the Campaign.

2022





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Support

City Officials to support
the Campaign. Our first
Proclamation

2023





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Public Awareness

Proclamation and our first
community outreach
event

2024





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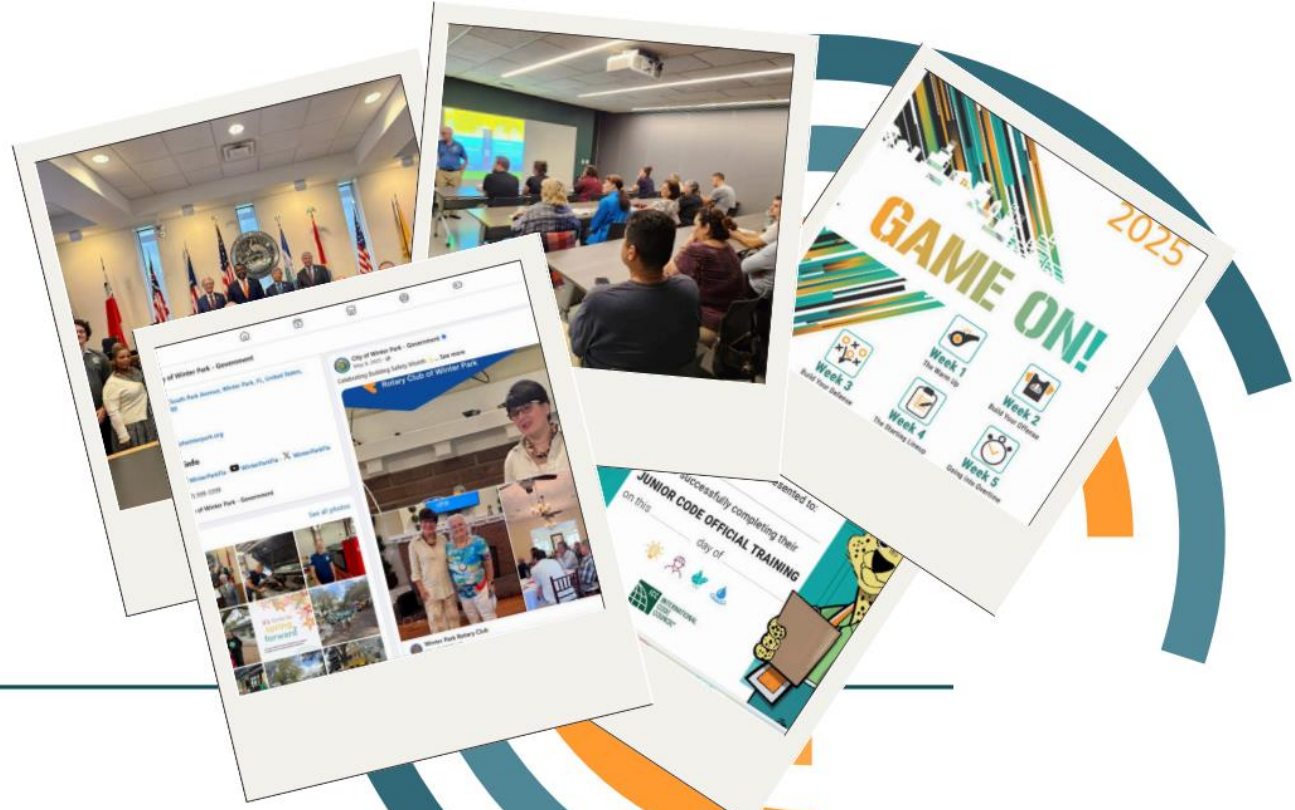
The critical transformation of a vision into Community awareness



Social Media

Increasing visibility by adding social media posts for each of the weeks.

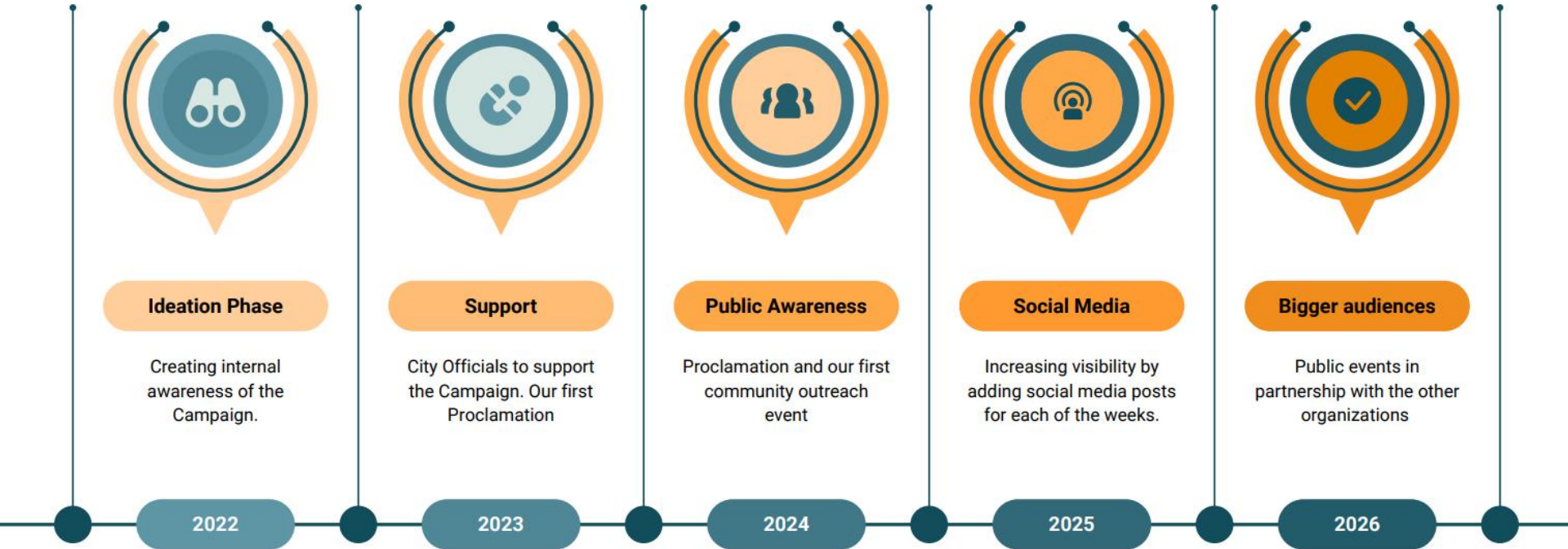
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BSM Journey Timeline

Track the critical transformation of a raw vision into a market-ready business venture.





BSM Roadmap

Essential items that will be valuable in your campaign

Design Research
Use the ICC BSM material to get you started

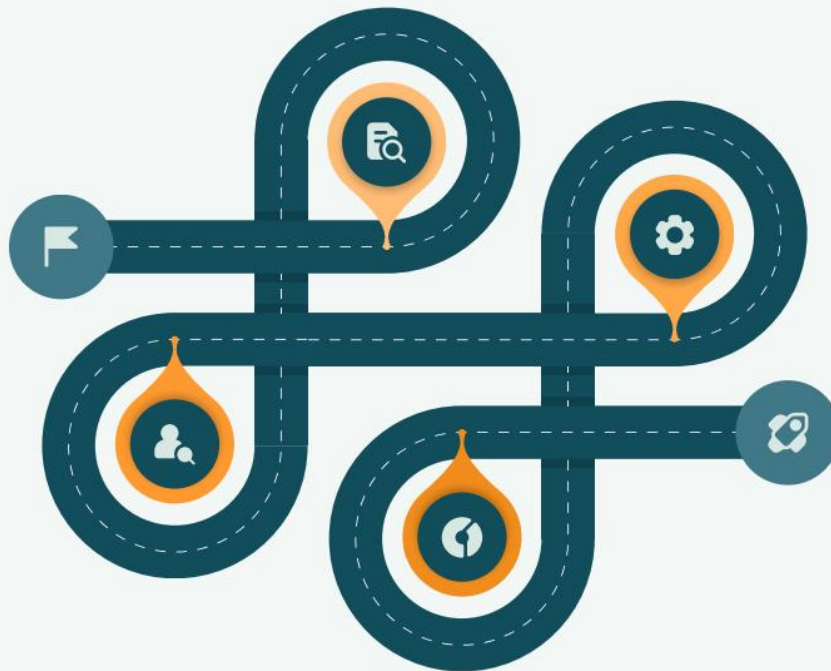
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Plan your actions
Proclamations and other events require time to get scheduled and organized.

02

Find resources
The communications team can be a source of great support in spreading the word.

03



Find Allies

Your local Library can be a great place to reach the community

04

Be consistent

Awareness requires a consistent message and repetition.

05

Partner with other organizations

Civic organizations like the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce can be great allies in spreading the word.

06

BSM Competition LEGO® Kit Giveaway



Italian Riviera



Neuschwanstein Castle



Great Pyramid of Giza

LEGO Competition Kits

Ask: Submit a one minute video that tells us about a new or update building and how it benefits your community.



Questions?



Thank You for Joining Us!

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We are here to help!
Email us at communications@iccsafe.org.