

Think about safe structures in May during Building Safety Month

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The Village of Glenview recognizes May as Building Safety Month to help raise awareness of this important role of local government. Village code compliance officers and inspectors work every day with individuals, families and businesses to help them understand what it takes to create safe, resilient, affordable and energy-efficient homes and buildings.

When our building safety and fire prevention experts inspect buildings and review construction plans to ensure code compliance they help to ensure the places where you live, learn, work, worship and play are safe. We work closely with homebuilders, contractors, plumbers, roofers and other construction industry trades to provide maximum public safety.

In March 2015, the Village was recognized by the International Code Council for a significant achievement – that 100 percent of the Inspectional Services Division technical staff are ICC certified. Through rigorous testing, ICC certification ensures that each of our eight Glenview staff members have demonstrated competency in the requirements of the International Code – the complete set of comprehensive coordinated codes used in most U.S. communities and many global markets.

Homes and buildings that are built in compliance with building safety codes result in resilient structures that minimize the risks of death, injury and property damage.

The Village of Glenview recently adopted updated building, fire, mechanical and other safety codes for structures in the community. Last month, 30 inspectors and plan reviewers working for the villages of Glenview, Northbrook and six other suburbs attended a full-day of training led by the International Code Council that focused on changes and updates in those updated codes. I'm proud to say this thorough review of the code updates is helping Glenview and the other communities provide consistent regulation of construction projects.