

PrepTalks Resource Lists highlight publicly available materials that relate to the PrepTalk topic. These resources provide a more in-depth understanding of the topic to enhance the whole community discussion.

## Using Codes and Standards to Build Resilient Communities

- **Standards Development Organizations (SDOs)**  
[https://www.standardsportal.org/usa\\_en/resources/sdo.aspx](https://www.standardsportal.org/usa_en/resources/sdo.aspx)  
Beyond building codes, many organizations create standards on a variety of topics. This link provides a comprehensive list of SDOs.
- **FEMA Building Science Resources**  
<https://www.fema.gov/building-science>  
FEMA provides technical support to develop and adopt model building codes and standards and provides an extensive list of resources to improve building science design and performance, including building code resources and Mitigation Assessment Team Program reports. Email FEMA-[Buildingsciencehelp@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Buildingsciencehelp@fema.dhs.gov) or contact the Building Science Helpline at (866) 927-2104.
- **Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018**  
<https://www.fema.gov/disaster-recovery-reform-act-2018>  
This webpage provides status updates of FEMA's implementation of the DRRA provisions that require FEMA policy or regulation changes for full implementation, as the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act is amended.
- **No Code. No Confidence. Inspect to Protect**  
<https://inspecttoprotect.org/>  
FLASH® has created this online tool to help the public identify the IRC used in their community, connect them with local officials, and give them access to a Resource toolkit with extensive commentary and facts on building codes.
- **ISO's Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS®)**  
<https://www.isomitigation.com/bcegs/>  
The BCEGS assesses the building codes in effect in a community and how the community enforces its building codes, with special emphasis on mitigation of losses from natural hazards. The 2019 National Building Code Assessment Report provides the latest information on building code effectiveness and enforcement nationwide.



- **Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves, 2018 Interim Report**

<https://www.nibs.org/page/mitigationsaves>

This report by the National Institute of Building Sciences highlights the significant savings that result from implementing mitigation strategies, both for safety and to prevent property loss and disruption of day-to-day life.

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