

UPDATE. **CONNECTICUT BUILDING & FIRE SAFETY CODES: January 10, 2017**
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The State of Connecticut was obligated by statute to update both the **State Building Code and the State Fire Safety Code**. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 29-252, as amended by Public Act 16-215, the following national model codes, as amended are adopted and shall be known as the 2016 Connecticut State Building Code. The Connecticut State Fire Safety Code and the adopted standards, as amended shall be known as the 2016 Connecticut Fire Safety Code. There is a 2015 Amendment to the State Fire Prevention Code which adopts the 2012 Uniform Fire Code, NFPA 1, which became effective May 7, 2015.

2016 CONNECTICUT STATE BUILDING CODE (CSBC): The documents adopted effective October 1, 2016.

International Building Code/2012 (IBC)
 International Existing Building Code/2012 (IEBC)
 International Mechanical Code/2012 (IMC)
 International Plumbing Code/2012 (IPC)
 International Residential Code 2012 (IRC)
 National Electrical Code, NFPA 70/2014 (NEC)
 International Energy Conservation Code/2012 (IECC)
 ICC A117.1/2009 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities (A117.1)
 Connecticut Amendment/2016/State Building Code. (2016 CSBC)

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<http://www.ct.gov/dcs/cwp/view.asp?a=4447&q=523368&dcsNav=|>

2016 CONNECTICUT STATE FIRE SAFETY CODE (CSFSC): The documents adopted effective October 1, 2016.

[Part I] Administrative. Connecticut Amendment/2016/State Fire Safety Code. 2016 CSFSC Part I.

[Part II] General. Connecticut Amendment/2016/State Fire Safety Code. 2016 CSFSC Part II.

[Part III] New Construction, Alterations, Renovations, Changes of Use:

International Fire Code/2012 (IFC)
 Connecticut Amendment/2016/State Fire Safety Code. 2016 CSFSC Part III.

[Part IV] Existing Buildings / Occupancies:

National Fire Protection Association. Life Safety Code/2012 (NFPA 101)
 Connecticut Amendment/2016/State Fire Safety Code. 2016 CSFSC Part IV.

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2015 CT FIRE PREVENTION CODE (CFPC): The documents adopted effective May 7, 2015.

National Fire Protection Association. Uniform Fire Code/2012. (NFPA 1)

2015 Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code – Regulations of CT State Agencies Section 29-291a-1a to 29-191a-10a

Our State Building, Fire Safety and Fire Prevention Codes are based substantially on the International Codes Council (ICC) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) model codes. These model codes are consensus codes, subject to changes based on input from their memberships, and are revised periodically.

The State of Connecticut's Codes and Standards Committee, a 21 member volunteer committee, [increased by 1 "Energy" member in 2009, increased by 3 contractors or union members (Electrical, plumbing, heating & cooling) effective October 1, 2013]] has primary responsibility to keep the codes up to date with advances in technologies and improvements in construction materials. Due to the State of Connecticut Regulations Review Procedures, including the requirement for a public hearing on the proposed code changes, there is a built-in time delay between the publication of the Model Codes and the adoption of the new State Codes. In order to adapt the Model Codes for use in Connecticut, the State publishes the "Connecticut Amendments". These amendments are necessary to accomplish several important functions:

1. To coordinate the Model Codes with Connecticut General Statutes.
2. To change the Model Code provisions where there is a conflict between the Model Codes.
3. To coordinate the Model Code provisions with recent Federal Legislation.
4. To adapt the Model Codes to circumstances unique to the State of Connecticut.
5. To alter provisions of the Model Codes which are unclear, out of date or below the standards acceptable for the State of Connecticut.

A separate Task Force handles the Fire Prevention Code.

Other Regulations in effect:

CONNECTICUT STATE ELEVATOR CODE: [As adopted by separate regulations in CT]

ASME A17.1 - Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators 1996 with 1997 & 1998 Amendments.

ASME A17.1 - Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators. 2004. Part 5.2. Limited-Use/Limited-Application Elevators. LULA.

ASME A18.1 - Safety Standards for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts. 2003.

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE: [Separate regulation, state written] <http://www.dir.ct.gov/dph/PHC/phc.doc>

Codes and Connecticut Amendments are available from AIA Connecticut (203) 865-2195, <http://www.aiaa.org>.

See also the CT State Department of Administrative Services web site at <http://www.ct.gov/dcs/cwp/view.asp?a=4147&q=487428> for additional information, news and updates. The Office of State Building Inspector page at <http://www.ct.gov/dcs/cwp/view.asp?a=4447&q=521446&dcsNav> and the Office of State Fire Marshal page <http://www.ct.gov/dcs/cwp/view.asp?a=4489&q=530894> have the CT Amendments to the Building and Fire codes available for download.