

What is Building Safety Month?

We buckle up ourselves and our kids in cars, wear helmets when riding bikes and wear life jackets when boating. Every citizen takes safety precautions involving themselves and their families, when driving, boating and undertaking similar activities, because there is a perceived element of risk in these activities.

By Contrast, we seem to take for granted and rarely question our safety when we are in the building in which we live, work, shop or play. This is because the level of safety of buildings in Ontario is relatively high, primarily as a result of the development of the building code, construction of buildings to conform with that code and the enforcement of that code by the building officials of the local municipality. In Ontario, the minimum standard for new construction, additions and alterations to existing buildings is set out by the Ontario Building Code.

The Building Department of your local municipality enforces the Ontario Building Code by examining plans and specifications of buildings, issuing permits and by performing inspections at various stages during the course of construction.

To promote the vital role your local Building Department plays in ensuring the safety of buildings and their occupants and to create a public awareness of the importance of building regulations, the Ontario Building Officials Association is promoting International Building Safety Month, in conjunction with other jurisdictions throughout Canada and the United States.

The Ontario Building Officials Association will proclaim Building Safety Month annually across Ontario to promote public awareness of the Ontario Building Code, the reasons for obtaining building permits and the efforts of municipal building officials. Municipal Councils will also be requested to issue proclamations to that effect. Building Safety Month is promoted and sponsored in cooperation with local Building Departments, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the building design industry. The 'Book' referred to below is, of course, the Ontario Building Code.

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Ontario Building Officials Association

The OBOA is a self-governing, not for profit organization committed to establishing and maintaining a high professional standard in the field of the enforcement of the Ontario Building Code, including issuance of permits and inspection of buildings, to ensure that the people who occupy buildings, which are subject to the Code, are protected.

The OBOA was founded in 1956 and has expanded to a current membership of almost 2,000 building officials with a Chapter network throughout Ontario.

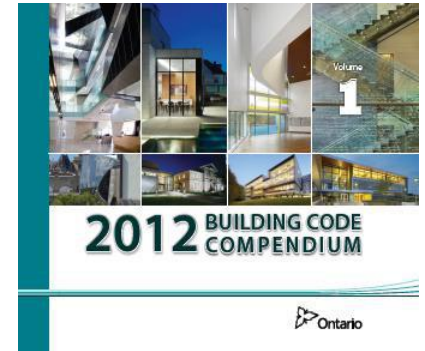
Membership services provided by the OBOA include:

- OBOA Journal. This is published 4 times per year and focuses on the fundamental interests, concerns and opinions of building officials.
- Education and training programs with regard to the Building Code Act and the Ontario Building Code.
- An Annual Meeting and Training Session, which provides 3 days of technical and educational seminars.
- A Certification and Maintenance program for building officials.
- Representation on various Task Groups, Boards and Committees.
- A Province wide forum, which provides opportunities to communicate with other building officials, government officials and the construction industry

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