

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Making Sure Building Products Are Up To Code

(NAPSA)—No matter what the project, you want to have confidence in the materials you use. This goes for homeowners, architects, contractors and building officials—all of whom have the additional concern of making sure that building products meet the community's code requirements.

What difference does it make if building products comply with codes? The safety and durability of the building depends on it. Specifying, buying or approving the wrong products could result in serious problems.

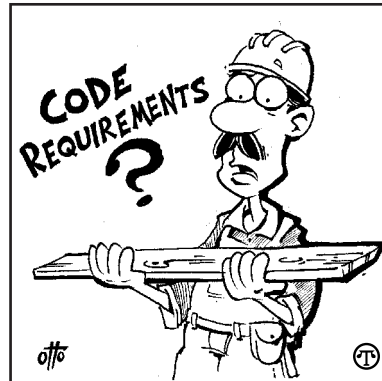
Fortunately, it's now possible to get free evaluation reports on building products. ICBO Evaluation Service, Inc. (ICBO ES) offers an evaluation service through its Web site, providing the information people need to make the best choices when using building materials.

There are a number of reasons to use the ES REPORTS online service, including:

- **Code Compliance**—The downloadable reports verify that products meet or exceed the regulations of major U.S. building codes (ICC, ICBO, BOCA, IAPMO, SBCCI), or related codes.

- **Worldwide Acceptance**—ES REPORTS are recognized and accepted worldwide. Building departments, architectural and engineering firms, construction companies and even do-it-yourselfers regularly consult them.

- **Comprehensive and Fast**—Projects move faster when all the questions are answered up front.



Quality building projects start with products that meet code requirements.

From installation guidelines to special requirements, ES REPORTS provide answers about product code compliance that will satisfy every member of the building project team.

- **No Cost**—You can download and print reports free of charge.

Among building-product evaluators, only ICBO ES is accredited by the American National Standards Institute and is recognized as an accreditation body by the National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation.

"ICBO ES incorporates the highest possible standards," says Dan Nickle, Codes Administrator, Lakewood, Colorado.

"I know a qualified staff professional has examined the building product," adds Jim Harper, Building Official, Hastings, Nebraska.

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