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Department of Neighborhood Services participates in worldwide campaign to promote Building Safety Month

Public invited to participate in local events and learn more about safety, services and programs

In May 2019, the City of Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services is participating in the 39th annual Building Safety Month, a worldwide campaign presented by the International Code Council, its members and partners to promote building safety. First observed in 1980, Building Safety Month raises awareness about critical safety issues from structural to fire prevention, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency.

Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign held annually in May to help citizens understand what it takes to create and sustain safe structures. The theme for 2019 is “No Code. No Confidence.”

Building codes and the officials who enforce them are making our families and communities safer and more resilient. Homes and buildings that are rehabbed or built in compliance with building safety codes result in resilient structures that minimize the risks of death, injury and property damage. Building safety affects everyone, and modern, updated building codes save lives.

“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, work and play are safe,” said DNS Commissioner Tom Mishefske. “We work closely with homebuilders, contractors, plumbers, roofers and other construction industry trades to provide for the public safety of our community.”

As part of its participation, DNS will offer staff pop-ups and provide reference materials on safety to residents in City Hall, offer safety tips on Twitter, and provide additional outreach opportunities to the community during the month of May.

Residents are encouraged to participate in local events to learn more about safety, services and programs provided by the department. Please refer to the attached schedule of events and check for updates online.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Learn more about the Department of Neighborhood Services and Building Safety Month at milwaukee.gov/BSM, follow us on Twitter [@milwaukeeDNS](https://twitter.com/milwaukeeDNS) or subscribe to get DNS news and updates via email at milwaukee.gov/enotify.

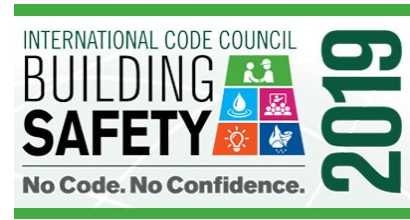
Learn more about Building Safety Month at buildingsafetymonth.org or join the conversation on social media at #BuildingSafety365.

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Building Safety Month - Schedule of Events

WEEK ONE // May 1-5

- **Saturday, May 4, 11am-3pm**
- Village Ace Hardware, 2170 N Prospect Ave.
Visit the staffed DNS info table for resources and giveaways during the Eastside Grill Party (grill demos, giveaways, food samples).



WEEK TWO // May 6-12

- **Friday, May 10, 8:30-11:30am (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)**
- Brown Street Academy, 2029 N. 20th St.
School outreach table with DNS staff at Career Day.
- **Saturday, May 11, 11:30am-2:30pm**
- Brady St. Firehouse, 1693 N. Franklin Pl.
Visit the staffed DNS info table for resources at the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) Community Relations 2nd Annual Open House. Activities for kids and adults including the MFD Wood Fired Pizza Oven.



WEEK THREE // May 13-19

- **Thursday, May 16, 9am-noon & 4-7pm**
- Home Depot, 4155 N. Port Washington Rd.
Visit the staffed DNS info table for resources and giveaways.



WEEK FOUR // May 20-26

- **May 20-24, 8am-5pm - City Hall Rotunda, Display**
The DNS Building Safety Month display and free reference materials will be set up in the City Hall rotunda the week of May 20-24.
- **May 21-23, 10am-2pm - City Hall Rotunda, Staff Pop-Ups**
Residents will have the opportunity to talk to DNS staff, pick up materials and ask questions from Tuesday, May 21 to Thursday, May 23.



WEEK FIVE // May 27-31

- **Thursday, May 30, 9am-noon & 4-7pm - Home Depot, 150 W. Holt Ave.**
Visit the staffed DNS info table for resources and giveaways. Kids workshop from 4-7pm only, plus free junior inspector activity booklet and sticker.

Check for updates at www.milwaukee.gov/BSM.