



Code Committee Update January 2025

New Topic(s):

- **Thanks Dave.** As we welcome 2025, we need to thank Dave Soens – WI DHS for his years of service to the Code Committee. Dave has stepped down as Code Committee - Co Chair. Fortunately, Dave will stay on the Code Committee and continue to teach the HCC programs. The Code Committee would not be what it is today without Dave, so again, thank you!
- **Welcome Rick.** Rick Helfrich is the new Code Committee Co Chair. He is the SSM Health Fond du Lac Plant and Facilities Project Manager. Rick has his ASHE CHFM and CHC, is on the WHEA Code Committee, former WHEA President, serves as the WHEA ASHE Advocacy Liaison, and has over 20 years of experience in the facilities healthcare setting. He also served on the WHEA State Board. We look forward to Rick's leadership in 2025 and beyond.

On Going Topics – updates in Bold:

- WI Plumbing Code: New Plumbing Code in effect as of Oct 1, 2023. See the December 2023 and April 2024 Update for information on plumbing inspections.
 - Retroactive scenarios for hot water disinfection systems will soon be delivered to the membership.
- Wisconsin Commercial Building Code ICC Updates:
The State of Wisconsin will continue to use the 2015 IBC at this time. Details available at: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/all/cr_23_007
- DHS Update – DHS staff will be training on health care codes Feb 17-19, 2025 [Wisconsin Commercial Building Code Refresher – Interdisciplinary Professional Programs – UW–Madison](#)
- FGI
 - 2022 editions: No adoption updates yet
 - 2026 editions: Work starting in December 2022
- CMS Update: No Updates
- NFPA
 - NFPA 101 and 99 – 2024 Editions Final editions are published. No updates on AHJ (CMS, DHS or AO) adoption.
- AO Survey Information: We have collected a ton of info on recent surveys from CMS, DNV, TJC, etc. Look for that info at:

<https://www.whea.com/wp-content/uploads/documents/CodeCommitteeDocs/Copy-of-WHEA-Survey-Repository-Deficiency-Spreadsheet-v2.pdf>

How can you help make this even better? Let us know:

Who's your AO?

What's your survey cycle?

And then share your survey results. It's all confidential. Send info to:
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- Code to Care in 2025. Look for article in the WHEA 4th Quarter Newsletter