SECTION 1
KEY TERMS
BY CHAPTER

CHAPTER 1: About the Codes

Alternative materials, design, and methods
American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)
American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
ANS process (ANS consensus process)
ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1 and 90.2
ASHRAE/USGBC/IES 189.1
ASTM International (ASTM)
Certification Code
Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
Common Code Format
Department of Energy (DOE)
Energy Policy Act (EPAct)
Federal Register (FR)
Federal regulation
Fire Code (NFPA 1)
ICC Performance Code for Buildings and Facilities (ICCPC)
International Building Code (IBC)
International Code Council (ICC)
International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
International Existing Building Code (IEBC)
International Fire Code (IFC)
International Green Construction Code (IgCC)
International Mechanical Code (IMC)
International Plumbing Code (IPC)
International Residential Code (IRC)
Legacy code
Life Safety Code (LSC)
Manual of Style

CHAPTER 2: Accessibility

ADA Standards (or 2010 ADA Standards)
Accommodation
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG, or 1994 ADA Standards)
Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (ATBCB or U.S. Access Board)
Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)
Certified document
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
CHAPTER 3: Occupancy Classifications and Loads

Accessory occupancy
Ambulatory Health Care
Ancillary space
Assembly occupancy
Building type (or use)
Business occupancy
Care suite
Custodial care
Detentional/correctional occupancy
Dwelling unit
Educational occupancy
Factory occupancy
Fixed seating
Floor area
Fuel load
Gross square feet
Guest room or suite
Habitable room
Hazard
Hazardous occupancy
Health Care occupancy
Incidental use
Industrial occupancy
Institutional occupancy
Live/work unit
Living area or room
Load factor
Medical care
Mercantile occupancy
Mixed multiple occupancy
Net square feet
Nonseparated mixed occupancy
Occupancy classification
Occupancy subclassification
Occupant
Occupant load
Occupiable space (or room)
Primary space (or use)
Residential occupancy
Risk factor
Separated mixed occupancy
Separated multiple occupancy
Sleeping area, unit or room
Storage occupancy
Subclassification
Transient lodging
Utility occupancy

CHAPTER 4: Construction Types and Building Sizes

Atrium
Basement
Building area
Building element
Building height
Combustible
Construction type
Fire resistance rating
Fire resistive
Fire retardant
Fire wall
Floor area
Heavy timber
High-rise building
Limited combustible
Mezzanine
Noncombustible
Party wall
Protected
Chapter 5: Means of Egress

Accessible means of egress
Aisle
Aisle accessway
Alcove
Area of refuge
Common path of travel
Corridor
Dead-end corridor
Discharge corridor
Egress court
Elevator
Emergency lighting
Escalator
Exit
Exit access
Exit discharge
Exit passageway
Exit sign
Exit stair
Exit width
Exterior exit door
Foyer
Freight elevator
Guard
Half-diagonal rule
Handrail
Horizontal exit
Horizontal run
Intervening room
Landing
Means of egress
Moving walk
Multi-story building
Natural path of travel
Nosing
Occupant load
Passageway
Public way
Ramp
Riser
Stair variable
Stairway
Story
Travel distance
Tread
Turning space (or circle)
Unobstructed path
Vertical rise
Vestibule

Chapter 6: Fire and Smoke Resistant Assemblies

Active fire protection system
Automatic closing
Ceiling damper
Ceramic glazing
Compartmentation
Construction assembly
Corridor damper system
Demising wall
Draftstop
Evacuation
Fire area
Fire barrier
Fireblock
Fire damper
Fire door assembly
Fire exit hardware
Fire partition
Fire protection rating
Fire-rated assembly
Fire rating
Fire resistance rating
Firestop
Fire wall
Fire window assembly
Floor/ceiling assembly
F-rating
Fuel load
Glass block
Horizontal assembly
Horizontal exit
Incidental use
Label
Laminated glass
L-rating
Membrane penetration
Occupancy separation
Opening protective
Panic hardware
Party wall
Passive fire protection system
Rated glazing
Roof/ceiling assembly
Safety glass
Self-closing
Smoke barrier
Smoke compartment
Smoke damper
Smoke partition
Smokestop
Smokestop door
Sound transmission
Tenant separation
Test ratings
Through-penetration
Through-penetration protective
Transparent wall unit
T-rating
Vertical shaft enclosure
Vestibule
Wall assembly
Window assembly
Wired glass

CHAPTER 7: Fire Protection Systems

Accessible warning system
Alarm system
Audible alarm
Automatic sprinkler system
Carbon monoxide detector
Deluge (sprinkler) system
Detection system
Dry pipe (sprinkler) system
Emergency communication system (ECS)
Extended coverage sprinkler head
Extinguishing system
Fast-response sprinkler head
Fire area
Fire detector
Fire extinguisher
Fire hose
Fire protection system
Fire zone
Heat detector
Initiating device
Integrated alarm
Large-drop sprinkler head
Manual fire alarm
Mass notification system (MNS)
Multiple-station detector
Open sprinkler head
Preaction (sprinkler) system
Quick-response sprinkler head
Residential sprinkler head
Single-station detector
Smoke detector
Sprinkler head
Standard spray head
Standpipe
Visual alarm
Wet pipe (sprinkler) system

CHAPTER 8: Plumbing and Mechanical Requirements

Accessible fixture
Accessory
Ambulatory-accessible stall
Bathing room (or facility)
Bathroom
Bathtub
Clear floor space
Conditioned air
Cooling load
Damper
Demand control ventilation
Dishwasher
Drinking fountain
Duct system
Employee toilet facility
Energy efficiency
Exhaust
Family/Assisted-use facility
Front (or forward) approach
Grab bar
Hi-low drinking fountain
International Mechanical Code (IMC)
International Plumbing Code (IPC)
Kneespace
Lavatory/sink
Makeup air
Mechanical room
Multiple bathing facility
Multiple-toilet facility
Parallel (or side) approach
Plenum system
Plumbing fixture
Potty parity
Privacy panel
Private (toilet) facility
Public toilet facility
Reach range
Return air
Shower/accessible shower
Single-bathing facility
Single-toilet facility
Supply (water, air, diffuser)
Toespace
Toilet room or facility
Toilet stall
Turning space (or circle)
Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC)
Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)
Unisex facility
Urinal
Utility sink
Ventilation
Water closet/toilet
Water conservation
Water consumption
WaterSense
Wheelchair-accessible stall
Zone

CHAPTER 9: Electrical and Communication Requirements

Alarm system
Appliance
Arc fault circuit interrupter (AFCI)
Armored (or flex or BX) cable
Assistive listening system
Audiovisual (AV) system
Automatic lighting shutoff
Backbone cabling
Bandwidth
Branch panelboard
Building automation system (BAS)
Cable
Cable tray
Circuit
Circuit breaker
Circuit integrity (CI) cable
Circuit interrupter
Coaxial cable
Communication room
Communication system
Composite (or hybrid) cable
Computer system
Conductor
Conduit
Dedicated circuit
Dedicated outlet
Demark
Device
Distribution system/transmission system
Dual (or bi-level or split) switching
Electrical box
Emergency panel
Emergency power system (EPS)
Energy-efficient
ENERGY STAR
Equipment
Fail safe
Fail secure
Fiber optic cable
Fixture outlet
Flat wire
Ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI)
Grounding
Horizontal cabling
Illumination level
Information technology
*International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)*
Junction box
Labeled [fixture or device]
Light fixture
Lighting outlet
Lighting power density (LPD)
Low-voltage cabling
Metal-clad cable
*National Electrical Code (NEC or NPFA 70)*
Nonmetallic-sheathed cable
Outlet
Outlet box
Overcurrent protective device
Panelboard
Premises wiring system
Public telephone
Raceway
Receptacle outlet
Renewable energy
Romex
Satellite room
Security system
Self-sustainable
Service entrance
Standby power system
Structured (or integrated or universal) cabling
Switch
Switchboard
Switch box
Tamper-resistant outlet
Technical power system
Telecommunication room
Telecommunication system
Telephone
Television system
Twisted-pair cable
Uninterrupted power supply (UPS)
Voice communication system
Wattage allowance
Wireless
Wireway
Zone cabling (or distribution)

## CHAPTER 10: Finish and Furniture Selection

*California Technical Bulletin 133 (CAL 133 or TB 133)*
Ceiling finishes
Ceiling treatment
Certificate of Flame Resistance
Char length
*Cigarette Ignition Test*
Component
Critical radiant flux (CRF)
Decorative material
Decorative vegetation
Detectable warning
Expanded vinyl wallcovering
Fabric
Finish
Finish classification (class)
Fire retardant
Flame resistant
Flame retardant
Flame source
Flame spread index (FSI)
Flammability
Flashover
Floor covering
Floor finishes
Foam (or cellular) plastic
Full-scale test
Furnishing finish
Furniture
Furring strip
Ignition source
Indoor air quality (IAQ)
Indoor environmental quality (IEQ)
Interior finish
Large-scale test
Light-transmitting plastic
Low emission
Mattress Test
Mock-up
Movable partition
Nontested finish
Offgas
Pass/fail test
Pill Test
Pitts Test (or LC-50 Test)
Plastic
Pretested finish
Radiant heat
Radiant Panel Test
Ranked rating
Rated test
Rating
Room Corner Test
Safety glass
Seating
Site-fabrication stretch system
Small-scale test
Smoke Density Test
Smoke development index (SDI)
Smolder Resistance Test
Static coefficient of friction (SCOF)
Steiner Tunnel Test
Testing agency
Thermoplastic
Thermosetting plastic
Toxicity Test
Treated
Treatment company
Trim

Upholstered seating
Upholstered Seating Test
Upholstery
Vertical Flame Test
Vertical treatment
Volatile organic compound (VOC)
Wallcovering
Wall base
Wall finishes
Wall hanging
Window treatment
Worksurface

CHAPTER 11: Code Officials and the Code Process

Appeal
Approved
Authority having jurisdiction (AHJ)
Board of Appeals
Building information modeling (BIM)
Building inspector
Certificate of Completion
Certificate of Occupancy (C of O)
Certified Building Official (CBO)
Code (or building) department
Code expeditor
Code official
Code publication
Code research
Commissioning
Compliance
Computer modeling
Construction documents
Construction drawings
Documentation
Final inspection
Fire marshal
Floor plan(s)
Green building program
Green rating system
Health code
Inspection
Jurisdiction
Liability
Local agency
Operation and maintenance (O & M) manual
Ordinance
Performance code
Performance design
Performance documentation
Permit

Phased Certificate of Occupancy
Plan review
Plans examiner
Preliminary review
Prescriptive code
Record (as-built) drawing(s)
Special inspector
Specification(s)
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy
Use and Occupancy letter (U and O)
Variance