



NFPA FIRE & LIFE SAFETY ECOSYSTEM

“Fire safety exists in an ecosystem of interdependent parts. The safety ecosystem has been constructed successfully over decades, yet we allow individual actions to negatively impact the level of safety we assume and expect.”

— NFPA President and CEO, Jim Pauley



What Is the Ecosystem?

As a non-profit organization dedicated to fire and life safety, NFPA® knows we don't (and can't) do anything alone; we work with others who share our interest and passion in protecting people and property in our world. We describe this concept of collaboration and interdependence as the Fire & Life Safety Ecosystem where everyone responsible for the safety of the public has a specific role to fill to help reduce loss from fire, electrical, and related hazards.

Why It's Important to Get Involved

As with any ecosystem, when all of the elements work together, the result is a fully functioning system that benefits everyone. If one of the elements fails, the system begins to break down. When tragedies occur, we can often trace the cause back to the breakdown of at least one of the elements.

Policymakers play a key role in this safety ecosystem and keeping their constituents safe, from the implementation and enforcement of current codes and standards to providing funding for effective emergency response. Maintaining an effective policy and regulatory environment and supporting fire, electrical, building, and [more](#) ▶



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COMPONENTS OF THE ECOSYSTEM



Government Responsibility:

Maintaining an effective policy and regulatory environment supporting fire, electrical, building, and life safety.



Development and Use of Current Codes:

Using the latest codes and standards developed by experts from across the world.



Reference Standards:

Applying all standards referenced within the primary fire, life safety, building, and electrical codes and standards.



Investment in Safety:

Prioritizing safety across the board.



Skilled Workforce:

Promoting the development of skilled professionals to apply the codes and standards.



Code Compliance:

Supporting effective code enforcement.



Preparedness and Emergency Response:

Providing effective preparedness and response capabilities to deal with fire, electrical, and related hazards.



Informed Public:

Educating the public about the dangers of fire, electrical, and related hazards.

continued ► life safety are key roles in the government responsibility “cog” in the system.

American consumers expect safety to be a high priority for their government leaders, according to NFPA’s Fire & Life Safety Policy Institute. In a 2017 survey of more than 1,000 individuals, respondents said they trust and expect government at all levels is keeping safety codes current with the latest safety advances and is not removing requirements that weaken those codes.

Decisions to remove safety requirements or delay the use of updated codes undermine this public trust.

 **86%**

of consumers believe that if they purchased a new home today, it would meet the most up-to-date code.

No one organization or group can implement the safety ecosystem alone. And while we may not be able to prevent every tragedy from happening, we believe that by recommitting to and promoting this full system of safety for prevention, protection, and education, we can further our work to help save lives and reduce loss.

Learn More

NFPA has many resources available on a wide range of topics. Reach out to us to learn more at nfpa.org/governmentaffairs. Additional information about the NFPA Fire & Life Safety Ecosystem can be found at nfpa.org/ecosystem.

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