

Building Safety is Local

**Week 4 – Advocate for Your Community (May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>)**

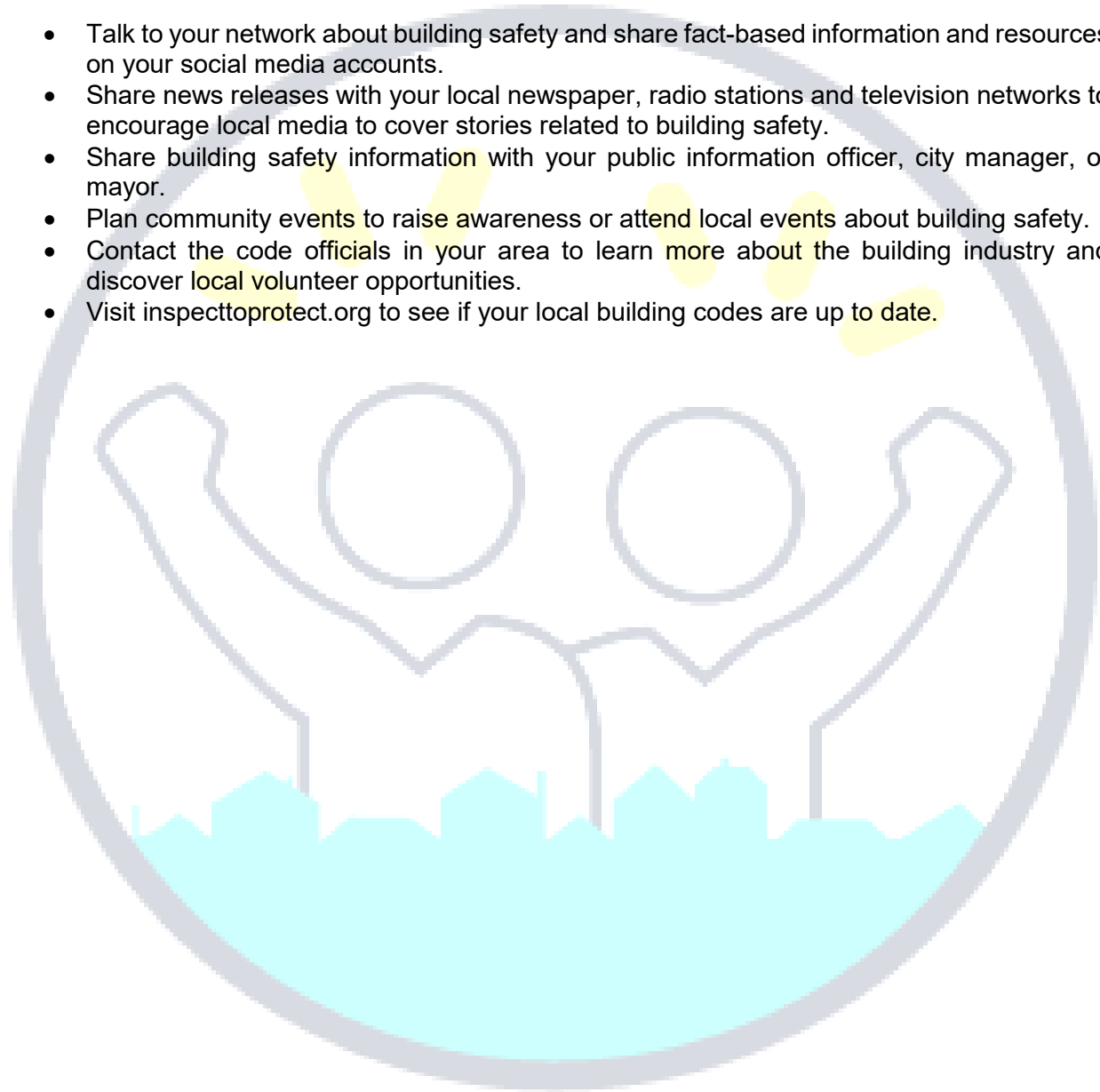
Week 4 of Building Safety Month gives you all the tips and tools you need to help advocate for building safety in your community! There are many ways to get involved – from social media to city council meetings. Safety Tips and Information is provided by the International Code Council. Go to [www.buildingsafetymonth.org](http://www.buildingsafetymonth.org) for more awareness about building safety. Join the Building Safety Month conversation – tag the International Code Council on social media and use #BuildingSafety365 to help spread the word!



## Let Your Voice Be Heard

We all have a role in making sure the places where we live, work, and play are safe. From reaching out to your local media, to advocating for building safety to local leadership, even the smallest action can make a difference.

- Talk to your network about building safety and share fact-based information and resources on your social media accounts.
- Share news releases with your local newspaper, radio stations and television networks to encourage local media to cover stories related to building safety.
- Share building safety information with your public information officer, city manager, or mayor.
- Plan community events to raise awareness or attend local events about building safety.
- Contact the code officials in your area to learn more about the building industry and discover local volunteer opportunities.
- Visit [inspecttoprotect.org](http://inspecttoprotect.org) to see if your local building codes are up to date.



## **Get Kids Involved**

The ICC has put together resources to help parents, teachers and community leaders teach kids what building safety professionals do, and how they make our homes and communities safer for everyone. With a little help from CODiE the Cheetah, kids can work through Building Safety Month activity book to complete their training and earn a certificate as a Junior Code Official. Visit [ICC Kids Corner](#) for more information.

- Download and share the ICC weekly lesson plans that feature building safety themes and objectives
- Listen to the ICC special episode of the Pulse Podcast on “Kids and Building Safety”.
- Print the ICC kid’s safety checklist used in the episode for an interactive building safety experience at home.
- The ICC Building Safety Month activity book includes fun puzzles and games that teach kids what to do to keep themselves and their families safe, aware and prepared.
- Parents, teachers and chapter leaders browse Building Safety Month-themed items that are perfect for little aspiring safety officials at home.
- Host a Building Safety Kids Day to spread awareness and encourage kids to explore safety.

ICC CODiE the Cheetah Crossword Puzzle

ICC CODiE the Cheetah Fire Escape & Danger Find

ICC CODiE the Cheetah Safety Search & Safety Kit Fun

ICC CODiE the Cheetah Scramble

ICC CODiE the Cheetah Coloring Book

ICC CODiE the Cheetah Junior Code Official Training Certificate

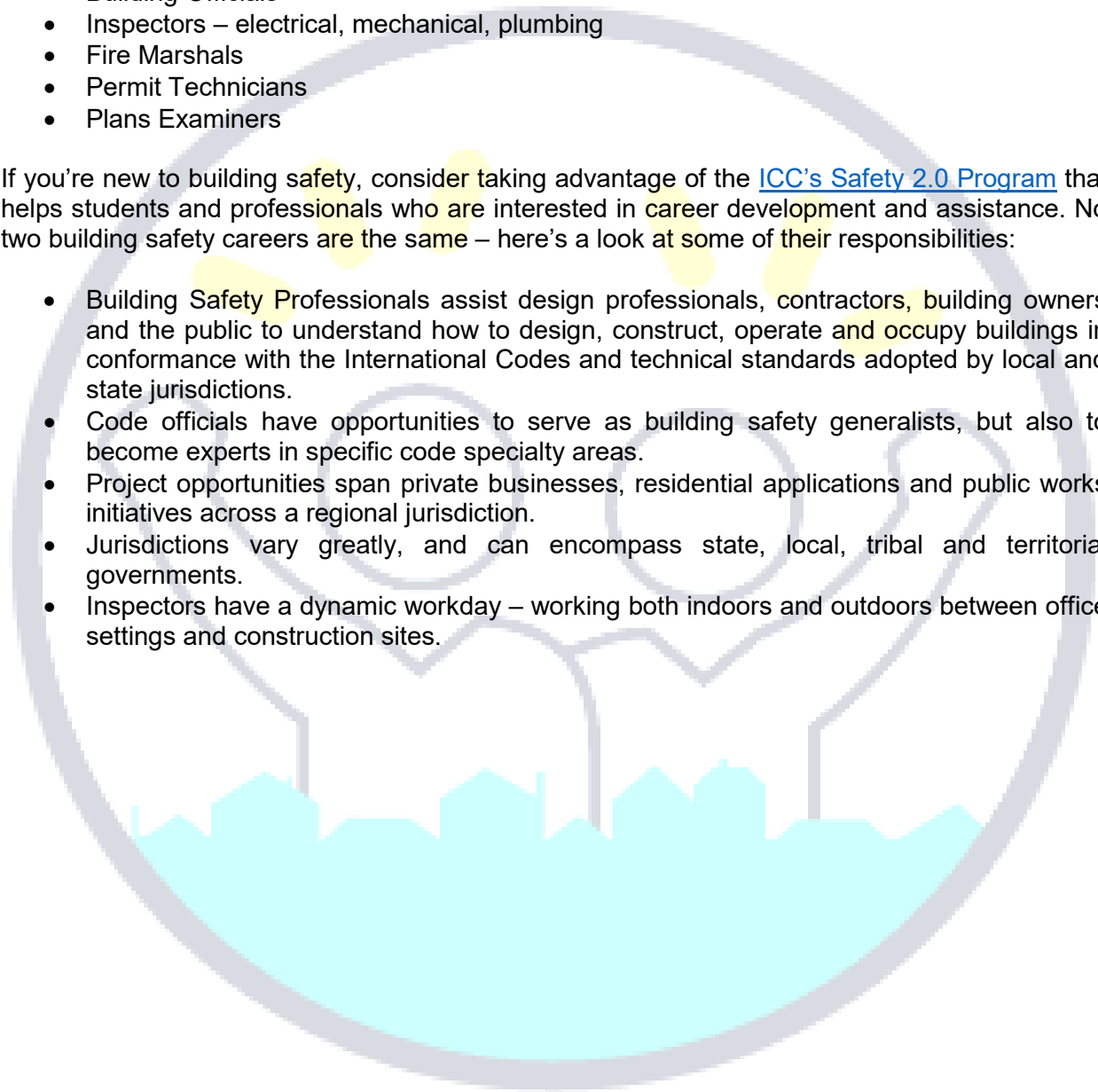
## **Become a Building Safety Professional**

If you're looking for a fulfilling career that makes a difference in your community, consider a career in building safety! There are many paths to becoming a building safety professional and many roles within the industry:

- Building Officials
- Inspectors – electrical, mechanical, plumbing
- Fire Marshals
- Permit Technicians
- Plans Examiners

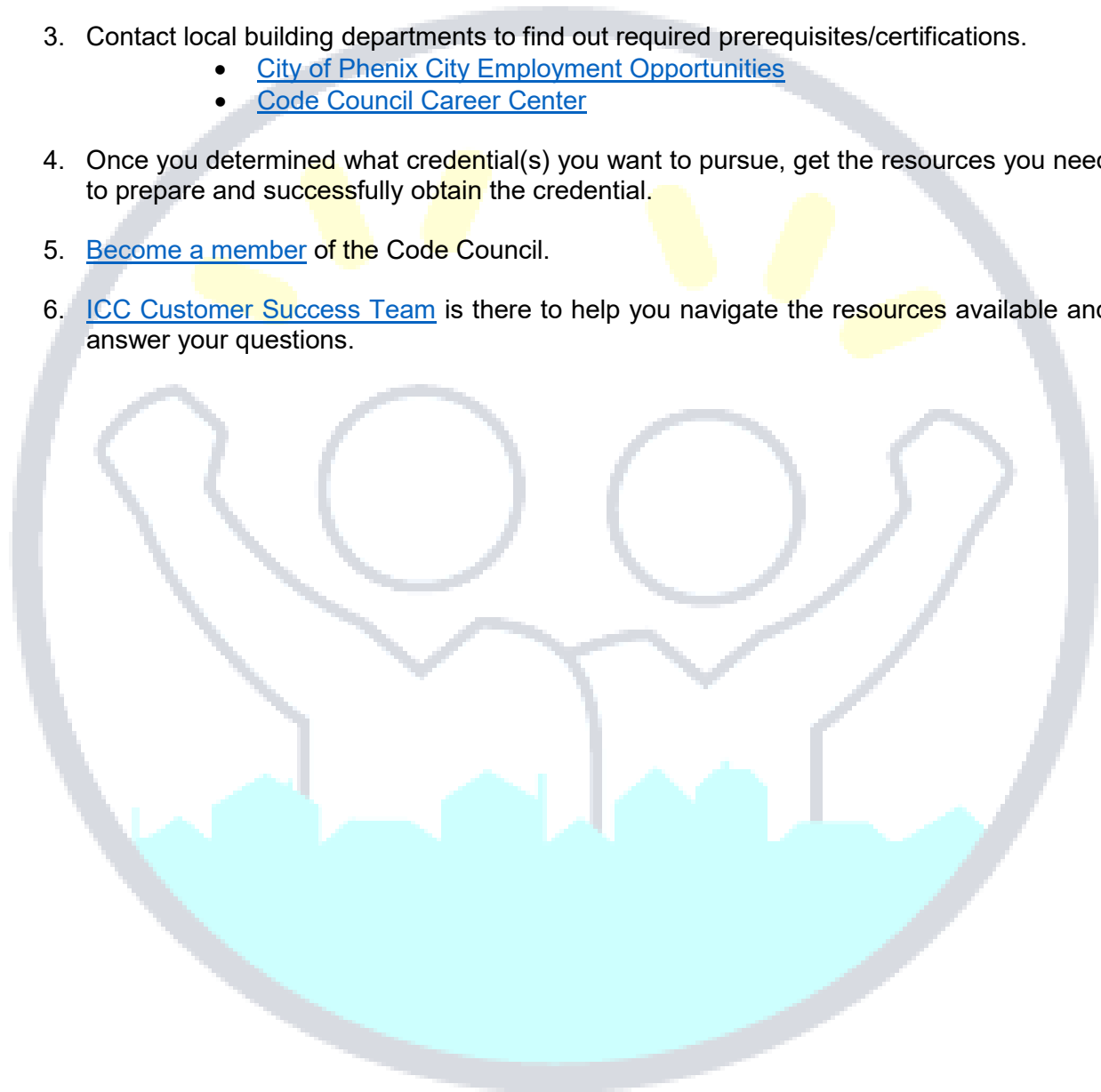
If you're new to building safety, consider taking advantage of the [ICC's Safety 2.0 Program](#) that helps students and professionals who are interested in career development and assistance. No two building safety careers are the same – here's a look at some of their responsibilities:

- Building Safety Professionals assist design professionals, contractors, building owners and the public to understand how to design, construct, operate and occupy buildings in conformance with the International Codes and technical standards adopted by local and state jurisdictions.
- Code officials have opportunities to serve as building safety generalists, but also to become experts in specific code specialty areas.
- Project opportunities span private businesses, residential applications and public works initiatives across a regional jurisdiction.
- Jurisdictions vary greatly, and can encompass state, local, tribal and territorial governments.
- Inspectors have a dynamic workday – working both indoors and outdoors between office settings and construction sites.



## **Career Step-By-Step Guide**

1. Learn the basics of the profession at the [Code Council's Building Safety Career Path Page](#).
2. Research the type of construction that is predominant in the communities where you want to work.
3. Contact local building departments to find out required prerequisites/certifications.
  - [City of Phenix City Employment Opportunities](#)
  - [Code Council Career Center](#)
4. Once you determined what credential(s) you want to pursue, get the resources you need to prepare and successfully obtain the credential.
5. [Become a member](#) of the Code Council.
6. [ICC Customer Success Team](#) is there to help you navigate the resources available and answer your questions.



## ***Military Families Career Path Program***

The [International Code Council's Military Families Career Path Program](#) helps veterans who are transitioning to civilian life and military family members learn more about building safety career opportunities. We are grateful from the sacrifices the service members and their families have made to keep us safe and are committed to ensuring their success after service.

Vets2PM is dedicated to helping veterans transition from active military duty to professional careers in civilian life. The Code Council is partnering with [Vets2PM](#) to inform veterans about the growing opportunities for successful and fulfilling careers in the building safety industry.

## ***Job Resources for Military Veterans***

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration, [My Next Move for Veterans](#) provides targeted services to assist new job seekers, students, and other career explorers investigate more than 900 occupations. The interactive web-based tool contains easy ways to search careers. It utilizes the O\*NET Interest Profiler to match a user's interest and level of work experience to matching careers.

## ***Military COOL Program***

The Military Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) Program links military experience with certification and offers a fee voucher program for credentials.

- [Navy COOL Program](#)
- [Army COOL Program](#)
- [Air Force COOL Program](#)
- [Marine Corps COOL](#)
- [Coast Guard COOL](#)

