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PREFACE

The duties of an inspector are extensive and varied; however, the primary function continues to be the verification of construction work as complying with the codes adopted by the jurisdiction. Because many other responsibilities are placed upon the inspector, it is necessary that he or she develop an efficient and effective approach to the inspection process. This inspector's guide is designed to assist the inspector in verifying code compliance by identifying many of the more common code requirements. The guide provides the code in a format consistent with the inspection process, identifying not only the code provisions, but also the appropriate references in the *International Residential Code*[®] (IRC[®]). The use of this format can be a valuable tool for a building safety department for:

1. Providing consistency within the department when all of the inspectors are using the same criteria;
2. Serving as a training method for new employees or to assist in the updating of existing staff members on new code provisions;
3. Providing builders, particularly home-builders, with an easy-to-use document to assist them in complying with the code; and
4. Assisting the inspectors in staying focused and not overlooking items during their inspections.

This *Residential Inspector's Guide: Building and Energy, Based on the 2009 International Residential Code* only includes requirements from Chapters 1 through 11 of the IRC. Its consistent use can be an important asset during inspection activities.

One in the series of ICC Inspector Guides, this 2009 edition of the *Residential Inspector's Guide* has been completely revised and updated from the 2006 edition by Peter Kulczyk, technical staff member of the Product Development Department of the International Code Council[®].

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