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Comment : How will any recommendations make it into the codes?
Comment Reason : The National Construction Safety Team does not appear to have clout over the ICC. Other countries have building codes/standards written by the government. There is a 'knowledge to practice' gap that needs to be addressed in the Building Safety arena in this country in order to achieve a life safety standard that as Americans we assume we have.

Revision Suggestion : Have NIST take over the writing of the Building and Fire Codes. (Possibly model/incorportate to British Standards) Move towards ISO standards. Mandatory Building Safety course required as part of any architectural degree or Building Official placement.

I realize this is not directly relevant to the comments requested, but don't know where else to write.

kind regards,
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