

STATE OF OHIO



DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION  
AND CORRECTION

SUBJECT: <b>Building and Safety Codes</b>	PAGE <u>1</u> OF <u>2</u>
	NUMBER: 10-SAF-07
RULE/CODE REFERENCE:	SUPERSEDES: 10-SAF-07 dated 09/27/03
RELATED ACA STANDARDS: 4-4124	EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 2012
	APPROVED: 

**I. AUTHORITY**

This policy is issued in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 5120.01 which delegates to the Director of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction the authority to manage and direct the total operations of the Department and to establish such rules and regulations as the Director prescribes.

**II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide uniform minimum standards in regard to the reconstruction, repair, alterations and maintenance of buildings, including construction of industrialized units. Such standards shall relate to the conservation of energy and consider the safety and sanitation of buildings for their intended use and occupancy.

**III. APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to all staff and those independent contractors of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction who could be involved in the erection, construction, repair, alteration and maintenance of buildings, including the construction of industrialized units.

**IV. DEFINITIONS**

**Ohio Basic Building Code (OBBC)** - Ohio Basic Building Code includes the building standards adopted by Ohio in the construction of any new buildings.

**Ohio Fire Code** - Specific regulations that provide the authority and establish the criteria used for fire safety against hazards in all buildings.

**Americans with Disabilities Act** – The Americans with Disabilities Act provides comprehensive civil rights protection to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, state and local government services and telecommunications.

## V. POLICY

It is the policy of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to meet and/or exceed the minimum requirements established by the Ohio Basic Building Code, Ohio Fire Code Standards, and the Americans with Disabilities Act as these standards pertain to new construction, renovation, additions, repair, alterations, and maintenance of buildings.

## VI. PROCEDURES

- A. The Safety and Health Coordinator shall be notified in writing by the Managing Officer or designated position having authority over all new construction, renovations, additions, repairs, alterations, and maintenance projects within that institution.
- B. All new construction, renovation, additions, repair, alterations, and maintenance of buildings shall follow the established standards of the OBBC, Ohio Fire Codes, and Americans with Disabilities Act.
- C. All drawings for the construction, renovation, and/or additions to existing state facilities must be approved in advance by the Bureau of Construction, Activation and Maintenance.