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**TO:** Local Code Enforcement Agencies  
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State Agencies and Departments

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**SUBJECT:** Emergency Housing – Readoption of Emergency  
Regulations, effective through January 14, 2019  
2016 California Building Code  
2016 California Residential Code

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to address the readoption of emergency building standards amending the 2016 California Building Code (CBC) and the 2016 California Residential Code (CRC), which extends the effective date through January 14, 2019. These emergency regulations are part of Title 24, California Code of Regulations, Parts 2 (CBC) and 2.5 (CRC).

The emergency regulations for emergency housing, originally adopted by the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on April 17, 2018, are only effective for a 180-day period and end on October 15, 2018. Upon request by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the CBSC approved readoption of these emergency building standards at their July 17, 2018 business meeting for another 90-day period, ending January 14, 2019.

These emergency regulations are new voluntary appendices to the 2016 CBC and 2016 CRC and provide a consistent minimum health and safety standard by which local agencies may develop emergency housing or shelter ordinances. The emergency regulations also provide a codified basis for HCD to review, provide recommendations on, and approve submitted local emergency housing or shelter ordinances, as required by Health and Safety Code section 8698.4(a)(2)(A)(i). The formal adoption of these emergency standards into the CBC and CRC protects HCD from use and enforcement

Standards Law. See Background section in [Information Bulletin 2018-01](#) for additional details.

These emergency regulations (HCD-EF 01-18) are currently undergoing a formal (certifying) rulemaking process in accordance with Title 24, California Code of Regulations, Part 1, section 1-419(e); Government Code section 11346.1; and Health and Safety Code section 18938, to make the regulations permanent in the 2016 CBC and 2016 CRC.

The approved text of both the emergency regulations and certifying rulemaking documents for the permanent adoption of these emergency regulations are available on HCD's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/building-standards/buiding-code/index.shtml> and on the CBSC website at <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/Rulemaking.aspx>. The text of the original approved emergency regulations is also attached to the original [Information Bulletin 2018-01](#); however, subsequent proposed clarifying changes to these regulations may be viewed on the HCD and CBSC websites for certifying rulemaking.

HCD will be formally proposing ("carrying forward") these regulations as part of the 2018 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle for incorporation into the 2019 CBC and 2019 CRC. Please access HCD's website at [www.hcd.ca.gov](http://www.hcd.ca.gov) and subscribe on [HCD's Email Sign Up](#) page to receive notifications of rulemaking activities related to building standards.

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