

Community Risk Reduction



The economy of the Estes Valley is supported by nearly 1,000 unique businesses and nearly 5,000 households. In addition to existing businesses and homes, there are remodels of existing structures and new construction throughout the year.

While the Town has long applied the International Building Code, Residential Code, and others, most of these structures were built before the community adopted any fire safety standards such as the International Fire Code (2011). We strive to help make our community safer while recognizing the challenge of legacy construction.

Our program is focused on applying the 6 E's of community risk reduction (CRR):

- **Education**
 - Makes the public aware of risks and how to mitigate them.
 - Provide resources on our website, social media, and through educational programs.
- **Engineering**
 - Ensure appropriate codes and design standards are used in new construction and remodels.
 - Work with contractors and builders to apply these standards.
- **Economic incentives**
 - Work with insurance providers to identify where mitigation work can reduce costs.
 - Pursue grants and funding opportunities to improve safety.
- **Enforcement**
 - Identify conditions that threaten life or property and work with the owners to address and mitigate.
- **Empowerment**
 - Support residents, guests, business owners, and all others to see the role they play in providing for safety in the community.
- **Emergency Response**
 - When all prevention measures have failed, maintaining a strong response force to strive and keep problems small.



Ongoing work within the Program:

- Plan review for new construction and major renovations (72 in 2022)
- Safety assessments of existing businesses (1,000 businesses in the Estes Valley)
- Resources available on our website, social media, and in presentations
- Partnerships with Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation