

# Construction Standards



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## 1.0 Purpose

To set the basic requirements for construction practices for Habitat for Humanity affiliates.

## 2.0 Policy

- Affiliate builds to Habitat for Humanity International house design criteria, with exceptions for local and community requirements and ordinances.
- Affiliate builds to a minimum ENERGY STAR® and healthy indoor air quality standard.
- Affiliate builds to minimum durability standards that address local geographic, climatic and disaster issues.
- Affiliate adopts and implements a written safety policy.
- Affiliate utilizes a written construction management program.
- Affiliate provides construction, home operation and maintenance training.

## 3.0 Rationale

As stated in the Covenant, construction practices should reflect the Habitat philosophy of building simple and decent houses. Affiliate construction practices and procedures should follow the examples and processes described in the

[Affiliate Operations Manual: Construction](#).

### **SUPPORTING RESOURCES:**

[Design Criteria](#) (chapter 5 of the Affiliate Operations Manual: Construction)

[U.S. Construction Standards](#)