



# Provisions of the Barbados National Building Code- relevance to the Occupational Safety and Health

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# Role of Building Standards Authority

- Enforce provisions of the Barbados National Building Code
  - Building Act
- Enforcement relates to the:
  - erection (new construction)
  - extension
  - alteration or
  - change of use
- of a building

# Overlapping Interests of BSA and H &S

- Overlapping Interests concern:
  - means of escape and warning of fire in buildings
    - (sections 32-42 of H&S Act (Part 4 of B.C))
  - provision of handrails and barriers to prevent falling
    - (sections 43 & 44 of H&S Act, Part 8 of B.C)
  - ventilation of buildings
    - (section 52 of H&S Act, Part 6 of B.C)

# Overlapping Interests of BSA and H &S

- provision of sanitary facilities
  - (section 65, Part 10 of B.C)
- overlapping interests do not conflict.
- Building regulations require:
  - protective works to building sites
  - clearing of footpaths and roads adjoining building sites
  - securing unoccupied buildings to the satisfaction of the BSA



# Relationship with Health and Safety (H&S)

- BSA to inform H& S weekly on applications received
- H&S can inspect applications at BSA office
- H &S to inform applicant of any objections
- H & S to send copy of any objections to BSA

Any Questions

