

The Role of Trade Professionals

The Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute
(AHRI)

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Who is AHRI?

- The Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) is the trade association representing over 300 manufacturers of heating, cooling, water heating, and commercial refrigeration equipment.

What does AHRI do?

- Advocate for HVACR and Water Heater industry
- Develops standards for and certifies the performance of many of our member's products
- Participate in the development of external standards and codes that effect the industry
- Facilitate members' compliance with regulatory requirements

Collaborating with other trade associations

- Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)
- Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC)
- Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI)
- National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)

- Each of these organizations brings a unique perspective

Codes and Standards Development

- AHRI participates in the development of industry safety standards
 - ASHRAE
 - CSA
 - UL
- AHRI participates in the development of model codes
 - International Code Council (ICC)
 - International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
 - American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

State and Local Code Adoption

- AHRI is a strong proponent of jurisdictions' prompt adoption of building and fire codes to incorporate best practices and updated industry standards
 - AHRI has tirelessly encouraged state and local jurisdictions to adopt the 2024 model codes as quickly as possible
 - AHRI proposes no modifications for state adoption the 2024 ICC or NFPA model codes

The importance of codes and standards

- Industry standards and model codes are recognized authorities on safety information
- Additionally, when the standard and code development process is used to address issues:
 - Ensures that the public is able to comment
 - Ensures that a balance of perspectives and stakeholder groups are allowed to participate
 - Avoids violating anti-trust laws

AHRI is committed to product safety

- AHRI and its members support the reduction of carbon monoxide deaths and injuries
- AHRI values collaboration with the fire service and other stakeholder groups
- AHRI welcomes feedback and data that can be used to develop solutions to issues that are identified and incidents that occur

Thank you!

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