

## Virginia ranked # 1

The Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) ranked Virginia number one in an assessment of residential building code and enforcement systems for life safety and property protection in hurricane prone regions.

Virginia was tied for number one in 2012 with Florida, but has taken a slight edge in the latest assessment (released on April 1, 2015).

Virginia earned a total score of 95 out of a possible 100.

IBHS evaluated 47 key data points to assess the effectiveness of the states' residential building code programs, including code adoption and enforcement; building official training and certification; and licensing requirements for construction trades who implement building code provisions.

The full report can be viewed online at the following link:

<https://www.disastersafety.org/wp-content/uploads/IBHS-Rating-the-States-2015.pdf>

