Fires of combustible materials are reducing apartment buildings to ashes and putting lives at risk.

The recent spate of fires in low- and mid-rise structures throughout the country is raising questions and concerns about the safety of wood-built buildings. It’s clear that codes and inspections are failing to keep residents and communities safe. It’s time for builders, contractors, developers, first responders and residents to come together to create new solutions that embrace non-combustible materials like steel and concrete.

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ALASKA:
Anchorage, AK – 2.16.17
Former hotel-turned-apartment building was destroyed by fire.

ARIZONA:
Gilbert, AZ – 4.23.16
A “monster” five-alarm fire destroyed wood-frame apartment buildings under construction.
http://bit.ly/2n9s3P0

MASSACHUSETTS:
Northampton, MA – 9.8.16
A fire destroyed a 22-unit apartment building. A nearly dormitory was also affected but was saved because of a fire wall that separated the two buildings.

MICHIGAN:
Detroit, MI – 3.8.17
Five people died in a building that burned from a wind-driven fire.
http://en.freetemp.com/2odCqz

OHIO:
Cincinnati, OH – 8.22.15
A three-alarm fire destroyed a “significant” portion of an apartment building with residents.
http://clknr.com/1qNMNqf

OREGON:
Portland, OR – 8.8.13
A five-alarm fire destroyed a four-story wood-frame apartment building under construction. It took 135 firefighters and 1.5 million gallons of water to fight the fire.
http://bit.ly/1VQ5slv

CONNECTICUT:
Waterbury, CT – 5.17.17
A large fire spread and destroyed four wood-frame, three-story, multi-family homes. Four firefighters were injured and up to 20 families were displaced.
http://bit.ly/2qW55s2

FLORIDA:
Tampa, FL – 4.28.17
A two-alarm fire spread in an apartment building in Tampa, Florida. This was the second large fire in recent months to tear through the wood-frame buildings inside the complex.

MARYLAND:
Silver Spring, MD – 8.19.16
An apartment building on Main Street burned to the ground. A hundred or more firefighters were at the scene.
http://bit.ly/2pQcEBF

MASSACHUSETTS:
Cambridge, MA – 9.12.14
36 people were killed after ignited wood pallets burned down a warehouse.
http://bayareane.ws/2nW2ByC

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NEVADA:
Las Vegas, NV – 3.27.17
A three-alarm fire ignited in a 16-unit wood frame/stucco apartment building.

NEW JERSEY:
Edgewater, NJ – 1.21.17
A massive fire destroyed the new Avalon Edgewater apartment complex, displacing over 1,000 people.
http://bit.ly/1YFaJ51

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Annapolis, MD – 9.1.17
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NEW YORK:
Laurens, NY – 1.19.17
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OKLAHOMA:
Broken Arrow, OK – 1.20.16
An apartment complex under construction was completely destroyed by fire.

Pennsylvania:
Conshohocken, PA – 8.08
A multi-alarm fire started at a building under construction in the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. .395 residents were displaced and three buildings were destroyed.

Washington:
Lynnwood, WA – 1.25.17
Two firefighters were injured battling a fire at an apartment complex project, leaving it completely destroyed.

Neighborhoods affected by the fire included those on the east side of the city.

Wisconsin:
Madison, Wisconsin – 8.8.14
A fire destroyed a wood-frame, four-story apartment building. Falling debris caused spot fires across the interstate.
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