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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- Mesa, AZ – 8.2.16
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  - Three-alarm fire consumed a three-story elderly care facility. The estimated cost of damage could be around $7 million.

### CALIFORNIA:
- Los Angeles, CA – 12.8.14
  - A massive fire engulfed a residential tower project.
- Los Angeles, CA – 7.4.17
  - A fire spread through a two-story wood-framed condo; 32 wildfires were reported at the scene and 3 were injured.
- Oakland, CA – 7.7.2017
  - A massive, 4-alarm fire gutted a 7-story Oakland building that was under construction. At least 700 people who lived nearby were displaced.

### COLORADO:
- Denver, CO – 3.7.18
  - More than 100 firefighters responded to a massive fire at an apartment construction site in Denver, CO.
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  - A large fire spread and destroyed four wood-framed, three-story, multi-family homes.
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LOUISIANA:  
Baton Rouge, LA – 6.28.17  

New Orleans, LA – 4.12.17  
A massive, six-alarm fire destroyed a wood-framed apartment building under construction. It took 165 firefighters and an estimated 5 million gallons of water to put out the fire. http://bit.ly/2oTqibO

Philadelphia, PA – 4.12.17  

MAINE:  
Saco, ME – 2.28.17  
A massive, four-alarm fire destroyed a wood-framed apartment complex. Eighty people were displaced. http://bit.ly/2ovKb4y

Biddeford, ME – 4.17.17  
A massive, five-alarm fire destroyed a wood-framed apartment complex. 63 people were displaced. http://bit.ly/2nEAUd8

IDAHO:  
Boise, ID – 6.28.17  

WASHINGTON:  
Bremerton, WA – 3.22.17  
A massive, five-alarm fire destroyed a wood-framed apartment building. The fire took one fatality and displaced 60 people. http://bit.ly/2oT7Cpf

MICHIGAN:  
Birmingham, MI – 6.28.17  

LINCOLN, NE – 10.18.17  

NEW JERSEY:  
Edgewater, NJ – 1.21.17  

NORTH CAROLINA:  
Raleigh, NC – 3.16.17  

OHIO:  
Cincinnati, OH – 2.22.16  

TEXAS:  
San Antonio, TX – 2.26.16  

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