

# FOREWORD

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## Introduction

In March 2000, the ICC Board of Directors, responding to a need highlighted by the Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) Roundtable in December 1999 on Bleachers and Grandstands, appointed a consensus committee to develop a standard to cover new and existing installations of all types of bleachers and bleacher-type seating, including fixed and folding bleachers intended for indoor, outdoor, temporary and permanent use. This followed the submission of a bill to the U.S. House of Representatives entitled the Bleacher Safety Act of 1999 (H.R. 836), which authorized the CPSC to issue a standard for bleacher safety.

## Development

This is the first edition of the International Code Council® (ICC®) *Standard on Bleachers, Folding and Telescopic Seating, and Grandstands*. This standard was developed by the ICC Consensus Committee on Bleacher Safety (IS-BLE) that operates under ANSI Approved ICC Consensus Procedures for the Development of ICC Standards. ICC is approved by ANSI as an Accredited Standards Developer.

The meetings of the IS-BLE Consensus Committee were open to the public and interested individuals and organizations from across the country participated. The technical content of currently published codes and documents on bleachers was reviewed and considered by the committee. While there were many similarities among the documents reviewed, there were marked philosophical differences that were considered carefully by the committee. The requirements in ICC 300-2002 are based on the intent to establish provisions consistent with the scope of the ICC family of codes and standards that adequately protect public health, safety and welfare; provisions that do not necessarily increase construction costs; provisions that do not restrict the use of new materials, products or methods of construction; and provisions that do not give preferential treatment to particular types or classes of materials, products or methods of construction.

## Adoption

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