Special Issue

Safety and Health in the Building Lifecycle

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue focuses on measures and techniques to ensure safety and promote health throughout the entire lifecycle of buildings in order to achieve regenerative and responsible urban development. Prioritizing safety and health measures from the initial design phase to construction, occupancy, and eventual dismantling of the building not only protects the wellbeing of occupants but also enhances the resilience and longevity of structures. Scientific research works dealing with health and safety measures during any stage of the building lifecycle are welcome. The proposed research works must be supported by empirical data or scientific methodologies. Authors should clearly identify the gap of knowledge and novelty of their work as well as highlight the main relevance of the research outcomes.

Guest Editors

Prof. Dr. Mercedes del Río Merino

Escuela Técnica Superior de Edificación, Polytechnic University of Madrid, 6 Juan de Herrera Street, 28040 Madrid, Spain

Dr. Paola Villoria-Sáez

Building Technology and Environment Research Group, School of Building Construction, Polytechnic University of Madrid, 28040 Madrid, Spain

Deadline for manuscript submissions

30 May 2025



an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.1 CiteScore 3.4



mdpi.com/si/197227

Buildings MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5 4052 Basel, Switzerland Tel: +41 61 683 77 34 buildings@mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/ buildings





an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.1 CiteScore 3.4





About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Current urban environments are home to multi-modal transit systems, extensive energy grids, a building stock, and integrated services. Sprawling neighborhoods are composed of buildings that accommodate living and working quarters. However, it is expected that the cities and communities of the future will face complex and enormous challenges, including maintenance, interconnectivity, resilience, energy efficiency, and sustainability issues, to name but a few. A smart city uses advanced technologies and a digital infrastructure to improve the outcomes in every aspect of a city's operations. A smart building optimizes the experience of occupants, staff, and management by using a modern and connected environment. Innovations in technology that can bring dramatic improvements to design, planning, and policy are critical in developing the cities and buildings of the future.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. David Arditi

Construction Engineering and Management Program, Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology, 3201 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60616, USA

Author Benefits

High Visibility:

indexed within SCIE (Web of Science), Scopus, Ei Compendex, Inspec, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

JCR - Q2 (Engineering, Civil) / CiteScore - Q1 (Architecture)

Rapid Publication:

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 15.3 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 2.7 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the second half of 2024).