



# **BUILDING CODES BUREAU**

Montana Department of Labor & Industry

## **Building Safety Month**

*Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience and Safety*

**Week One – May 2-8, 2016**

*Building Solutions for All Ages*



Data from the United States Census Bureau show that there are 76.4 million baby boomers. These 76.4 million baby boomers represent close to one-quarter of the estimated U.S. population of 320 million.

Many baby boomers are nearing or entering their retirement years and making decisions about where they will live when they retire. According to a survey conducted by [AARP](#), 89 percent of the 50-and-older population like their current homes and intend to remain in them for as long as possible. But aging in place is not just about the home. The aging of the population will affect every interior environment—private, commercial and public. For example,

- Hospitality – restaurants, hotels and motels will need to be accessible
- Workplace – offices, retail stores and other work spaces will need to provide adequate lighting, seating, technology, task areas and quiet places for older workers
- Healthcare – increased need for outpatient and in-home care, accommodation for caretakers and caregivers
- Retail – stores will need to be accessible and accommodate individuals using assistive devices
- Multihousing/multiuse – growing demand for livable communities and urban complexes with easy access to health care, entertainment, shopping, etc.