



FORTIFIED

MULTIFAMILY

Every Family Deserves a Strong Home

FORTIFIED Multifamily is a certification program that allows property-owners and renters to have peace of mind when a storm hits. It provides a pathway to making buildings more resilient against severe weather. First, it demands that a building's construction or roofing meet a standard developed after decades of research - both in the field after natural disasters and in the only lab in the world capable of subjecting full-scale buildings to simulated hurricanes. Then, it requires key resiliency elements are inspected and verified by an independent third-party evaluator. Finally, a team at IBHS reviews the verification documents and issues a certification which demonstrates the property-owners commitment to protecting people's homes from severe weather.

FORTIFIED Multifamily Minimizes Damage from Severe Weather

Save tenants the burden of displacement and financial loss following a storm.

Maintain consistent rental income, even when severe weather strikes.

Reduce risk of damage from wind & rain and save on property insurance.



Get the Next-level Protection of FORTIFIED in 3 Easy Steps

1. Ask your developer to follow the FORTIFIED standard
2. Work with a FORTIFIED Evaluator, who verifies compliance with the standard
3. Designation issued by IBHS, upon verified compliance



KEEP WIND AND WATER OUT AND ROOF-MOUNTED EQUIPMENT ON

- Stronger roofing system designed to provide better protection against severe wind
- Gutters and downspouts designed and tested for outstanding performance
- Sealed roof deck required for steep- sloped roofs
- Superior skylights designed and tested to withstand water intrusion and large missile impact
- Roof-mounted equipment must be designed for increased wind pressures



PROTECT THE ENVELOPE AND REDUCE BUSINESS OPERATIONS DOWNTIME

- All FORTIFIED Roof requirements must be satisfied
- In hurricane-prone regions:
 - All windows and glazed openings must be impact-rated or protected to minimize water and wind/wind pressure intrusion
 - Wall systems must be impact-rated
 - Exterior doors must be impact-rated vor protected
- Parapets and false fronts must be adequately braced and anchored
- Electrical and mechanical equipment must be protected from flood/water damage



KEEP THE BUILDING TIED TOGETHER AND MAINTAIN BUSINESS OPERATIONS

- All FORTIFIED Silver requirements must be satisfied
- Load path must be engineered and verified
- Canopies must be adequately anchored/ supported

