

# THAT'S RIGHT, ASSURANCE

No, we didn't misspell insurance. Insurance is for after the fact, when one needs financial restitution after something has gone wrong. Unlike insurance, Uniform Evaluation Services (ES) provides assurance for end users and building regulators that the code — which sets the bar for building component acceptability — has been satisfied.

We ask the tough questions, and when we get answers we provide an IAPMO Uniform ES Evaluation Report that tells the report holder, and the reader, that someone with the right expertise asked the right questions and got the right answers.

For more than 70 years, IAPMO or its subsidiaries have been involved in product recognition in the form of listings or evaluation reports. We work hard to bring the same drive, determination and great customer service into the building arena that made IAPMO's listing program such a great success.

## ARE WE AS QUALIFIED AS THE OTHER GUYS?

Absolutely. Uniform Evaluation Service brings the same qualifications as our competitors. Here is a quick tabulation:

Other Guys	Uniform ES
✓ ISO Guide 65 Compliant as determined by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)	✓ ISO Guide 65 Compliant as determined by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
✓ Section 1703 Compliant	✓ Section 1703 Compliant
✓ Large Internal Staff – PEs	✓ Utilize Outside Experts – PEs
✓ Multiple Internal Reviews	✓ Internal PE and External PE Reviews

As you can see, our qualifications are equivalent.



Uniform Evaluation Service:  
**THE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY™**

*Providing peace of mind  
for consumers and the design-  
build industry*



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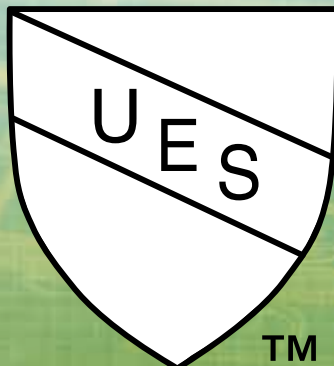
## CHOOSE WISELY

Choices ... as a member of a design/build team or a consumer, how can you be sure you've made the right one? While nobody should be making decisions for you, Uniform ES reports can help you make a confident, informed decision.

As consumers, we expect everything we touch to be certified to a standard. From the cars we drive to the food we eat, everything is tested and retested and then marked as compliant before we can purchase it. The same mentality applies to the building of our homes, businesses and schools. Someone is looking out for our well-being.

Architects and engineers must make great material selections; contractors must select alternatives that will be accepted by local code departments. How can anybody know which products have been independently evaluated to code requirements?

Look for the Uniform Evaluation Service (UES) mark and check the listing page on the UES Website. There you can download a concise document that includes all pertinent information relevant to code acceptance. Yes, a UES Report is a tool for code officials, but design/builders and consumers can utilize it, too. A trusted third party independently verifies UES Reports and the information contained within them.



## PROVIDING UNIFORMITY

A typical building has more than 1,000 different types of building products in it. Just about every one of these components has a standard that has been agreed upon by industry and regulators that designates the size, composition, performance, and how that one product has to work together within the system that is called a home, school or place of work.

Uniform Evaluation Reports provide uniformity in product listings. Homebuilders, tradespeople and building owners all want consistency in the products used in construction. Uniform Evaluation Reports alert the person from a building and safety jurisdiction that the products being installed in the building have been tested and evaluated to the rules/laws that regulate its construction.



## HOW A UES REPORT WORKS

A UES Report does not automatically grant a recognized product acceptance by the local code official — only the code official can make the final determination of code acceptance. The UES Report does, however, tabulate the evidence in support of approval and present it in a concise manner.

Building officials, design/build teams and consumers can view any UES Report posted on our Website ([www.Uniform-ES.org](http://www.Uniform-ES.org)). An online review of listed products can potentially save time and, in turn, money.

The Uniform Evaluation Report helps the code official know the product has undergone the highest levels of third party scrutiny available. It also documents that the product undergoes IAPMO's continuous compliance inspection program. All the relevant code compliance information is summarized in the report to assist you in selection and the code official in verifying code acceptability. Although an evaluation report is not a guarantee, those products without such a report risk having to supply pertinent information to each code official.

**We're here to help!**

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