

IPC / UPC plumbing codes

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The two plumbing code families in common use cover the same field questions: does the drainage fall the right way, is every trap vented, is the pipe supported, and did it hold pressure before anyone covered it.

What it covers

- Drainage, waste and vent sizing and arrangement
- Slope, cleanouts and accessibility
- Pipe support spacing and protection plates
- Rough-in and final pressure testing

What a field inspection looks at

- Slope photographed with a level in frame. A claim of fall is not a fall.
- Test gauge shot with the reading and start time, then again at the end of the hold.
- Protection plates at every notch and bore, photographed before insulation.

Adoption varies by jurisdiction. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction enforces before you run a walk against it.