

**Since** its inception, the General Directorate of Civil Defence has always risen to a higher degree of excellence in the tasks entrusted to it, which mainly focus on protecting lives and property. The Directorate has worked to achieve this through clear goals and more apparent work methods. Efforts have been combined between all the departments of the General Directorate of Defence and its various sections for this purpose. It works within an integrated strategy drawn up by the Ministry of the Interior, formulating different work mechanisms to translate Qatar Vision 2030 into a tangible reality. The strategy includes eight sectoral sub-strategies aimed at achieving security and safety as a fundamental pillar for realizing development.

With all the challenges we face and the growth and urban development witnessed by the State, it needs more robust security and safety requirements stipulated within the civil defence laws to protect individuals, public and private properties, and public and private entities of economic or social importance. They include several measures from adopting engineering plans before construction begins, down to building inspections and approval of safety equipment while ensuring its quality to reduce the effects of disasters.

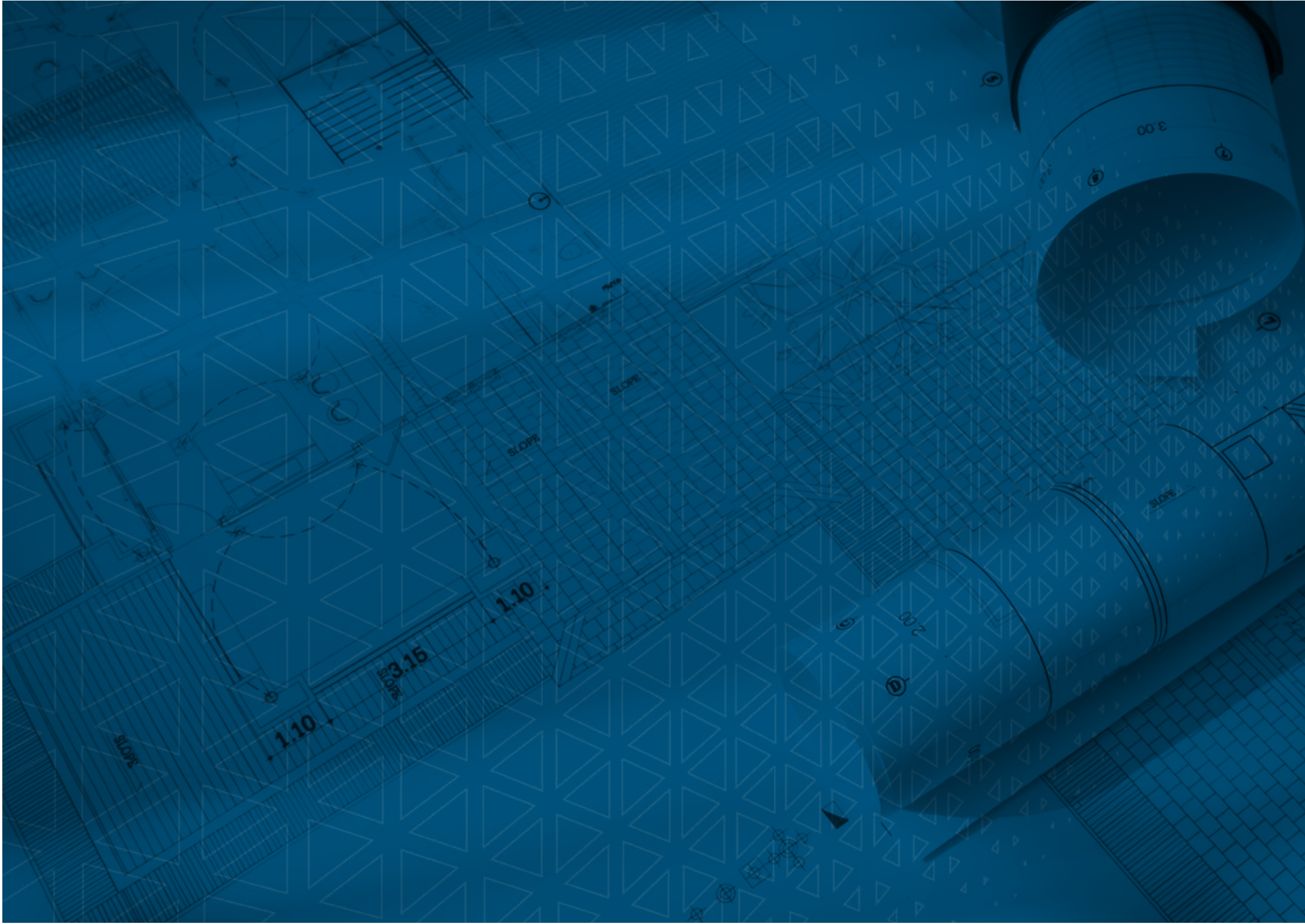
In this context, the General Directorate of Civil Defence, represented by the Prevention Department, issued a (Civil Defence Technical Requirements Guide) prepared by a group of civil defence experts. It contains the most prominent tips and information to guide the public and private sectors and assist them in getting acquainted with the essential standards and requirements for these buildings, which the Civil Defence determines within specific laws. Their application contributes to serving our primary goal, which revolves around protecting lives and property, avoiding and preventing accidents, and dealing with them in the most effective way when they occur.


We hope that the information and instructions contained in this guide will achieve the desired goal. However, the information contained within this guide should not stop at the end of its pages, expecting it to spread to others, reflecting on public awareness and behaviour levels. Further, it will materialize practically through the commitment of individuals, establishments, and society as a whole to these guidelines.

Finally, I would like to thank the Prevention Department at the General Directorate of Civil Defence and everyone who took part in preparing and issuing this guide.

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**The** State of Qatar is witnessing development in various fields, which has empowered it to be an economic and cultural center and has increased the pace of its development and prosperity at various levels, including the urban development of the state and individuals. This prompted the General Directorate of Civil Defence with all its departments to work on expanding its performance and upgrading the services to the distinctive excellence, especially through the Preventive Department in all the tasks entrusted to it to achieve security and safety and protect lives and property.

On the basis of the humanitarian role entrusted to the General Directorate of Civil Defence, and its diligent endeavor to spread awareness among individuals, the Preventive Department in the General Directorate of Civil Defence decided to issue a (Civil Defence Technical Requirements Guide), using (international codes), on which the General Directorate of Civil Defence relies as a reference to set its standards and requirements for security and safety, in line with the urban development in Qatar and with the nature of its facilities and buildings.

The “guide” contains information to direct the public and private sectors within the security and safety requirements and measures stipulated in the civil defence laws and their application on the ground in a way that facilitates use and dealing with civil defence workers and consulting offices.

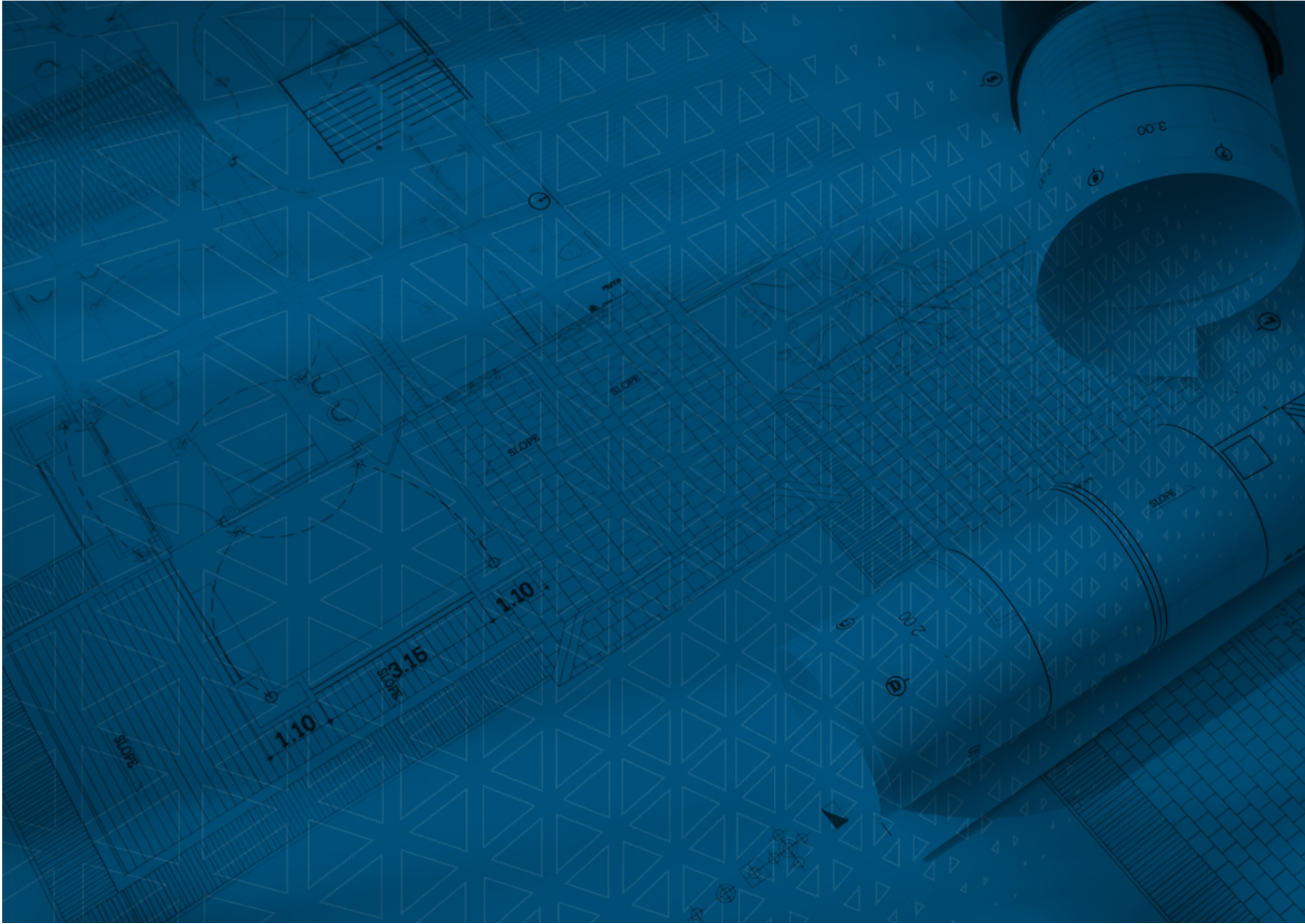
It is worth noting that we are proud of the participation of the engineers of the Preventive Department in the General Directorate of Civil Defence in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to contribute to setting security and safety requirements.

I would also like to thank all those who contributed to the preparation of the requirements, starting with the establishment of the Preventive Department, the collection of technical requirements and best international practices and the application of the country's building environment. I worked with a number of engineers from the Preventive Department in laying the foundation for the guide in 2010, and this is what the department accomplished from launching the Technical Requirements Guide 2022 after accumulated achievements through working in the field of building security and safety.

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