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## FOREWORD

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The *National Electrical Code* is used nationally and internationally as the basis for safeguarding persons, buildings, and their contents from hazards arising from the use of electricity. It is vitally important that the text be as explicit as possible and that maximum consistency be achieved in the language used in the text. The *Code* contains those provisions considered necessary for safety and thus is widely used as a basis for legal enforcement in the installation of electrical conductors and equipment in buildings and certain other premises (as detailed in the *Code* itself); this places a major responsibility on those involved in the preparation of the document to use forms of expression that promote uniform interpretation.

The Technical Correlating Committee of the National Electrical Code Committee has recognized these responsibilities and has issued this manual.

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