



CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL INFORMATION BULLETIN 20-004

Correction

2019 California Code of Regulations Title 24 Part 2 and Part 9, Section 1030.1

The purpose of the information bulletin is to provide clarification on the editorial errors and misprinted code sections in the first printing of the 2019 edition of Title 24 Part 2, the California Building Code (CBC) and Part 9, the California Fire Code (CFC).

Since the adoption of the 2007 CBC and CFC (based on the 2006 International Building Code and International Fire Code model codes), the State Fire Marshal has deleted the model code language that undermines California's intent to provide emergency escape and rescue openings for all Group R occupancies.

During the 2018 Triennial Code Rulemaking cycle this amendment was missed in publication.

The correct text should read the same as it did in the 2016 Edition of Title 24, which is as follows:

1030.1 General. In addition to the means of egress required by this chapter, provisions shall be made for emergency escape and rescue openings in Group R occupancies. Basements and sleeping rooms below the fourth story above grade plane shall have at least one exterior emergency escape and rescue opening in accordance with this section. Where basements contain one or more sleeping rooms, emergency escape and rescue openings shall be required in each sleeping room, but shall not be required in adjoining areas of the basement. Such openings shall open directly into a public way or to a yard or court that opens to a public way.