



CAL FIRE - OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Code Interpretation 26-02

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Fire Alarm Communicator Permit Requirements

OVERVIEW

Edition: 2025 Title 24 California Building Standards (with January errata)
Code: Part 9, California Fire Code (CFC)
Section(s): CFC Sections 901.4.1, 901.4.3, and 901.7
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QUESTION #1

Does the installation or removal of a fire alarm communicator require a permit?

ANSWER #1

Yes. Per CFC 105.6.7, a construction permit is required for the installation or modification of fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment, including fire alarm communicators, which are integral to transmitting alarm signals and initiating emergency response.