



CAL FIRE - OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Code Interpretation 25-04

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Fire Sprinkler – Exempt Locations

OVERVIEW

Edition: 2022 CCR Title 24, California Building Standards
Code: Part 2, California Building Code (CBC)
Section(s): (CBC) 903.3.1.1, 1020.2, 3007.2.1
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QUESTION #1

Does not installing sprinklers in specific spaces such as electrical rooms, elevator machinery rooms, or at each floor level in a noncombustible stair mean the building doesn't qualify as fully sprinklered under Section 903.3.1.1, losing related benefits of a fully sprinklered building?

ANSWER #1

No. Not installing sprinklers in locations exempted in accordance with CBC 903.3.1.1 does not disqualify a building from being considered a fully sprinklered building or a building equipped with an automatic sprinkler system throughout.