

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER 1

GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS

SECTION 101 GENERAL

101.1 Title. *These regulations shall be known as the California Fire Code, may be cited as such and will be referred to herein as "this code." The California Fire Code is Part 9 of twelve parts of the official compilation and publication of the adoption, amendment, and repeal of building regulations to the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, also referred to as the California Building Standards Code. This part incorporates by adoption the 2006 International Fire Code of the International Code Council with necessary California amendments.*

101.2 Purpose. *The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practices to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures, and premises, and to provide safety and assistance to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.*

101.3 Scope. *The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such building structures throughout the State of California.*

This code establishes regulations affecting or relating to buildings, structures, processes, premises and a reasonable degree of life and property safeguards regarding:

- 1. The hazard of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling or use of structures, materials or devices;*
- 2. Conditions hazardous to life, property or public welfare in the use of, occupancy of buildings, structures, or premises;*
- 3. Fire hazards in the buildings, structures, or on premises from use of, occupancy of, or operation;*
- 4. Matters related to the construction, extension, repair, alteration or removal of fire suppression or alarm systems.*

101.3.1 Nonstate-regulated buildings, structures, and applications. *Except as modified by local ordinance pursuant to Section 101.8, the building standards in the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10 shall apply to all occupancies and applications not regulated by a state agency.*

101.3.2 State-regulated buildings, structures, and applications. *The model code, state amendments to the model code, and/or state amendments where there are no relevant model code provisions, shall apply to the following buildings, structures, and applications regulated by state agencies as referenced in the Matrix Adoption Tables and as specified in Sections 102 through 113, except where modified by local ordinance pursuant to Section 101.8. When adopted by a*

state agency, the provisions of this code shall be enforced by the appropriate enforcing agency, but only to the extent of authority granted to such agency by the State Legislature.

Note: *See Preface to distinguish the model code provisions from the California provisions.*

1. *Applications regulated by the Office of State Fire Marshal include but are not limited to the following in accordance with Section 111:*

1. *Buildings or structures used or intended for use as an:*

- 1.1. Asylum, jail*
- 1.2. Mental hospital, hospital, home for the elderly, children's nursery, children's home or institution, school or any similar occupancy of any capacity*

- 1.3. Theater, dancehall, skating rink, auditorium, assembly hall, meeting hall, nightclub, fair building, or similar place of assemblage where 50 or more persons may gather together in a building, room or structure for the purpose of amusement, entertainment, instruction, deliberation, worship, drinking or dining, awaiting transportation, or education*

- 1.4. Small family day-care homes, large family day-care homes, residential facilities and residential facilities for the elderly, residential care facilities*

- 1.5. State institutions or other state-owned or state-occupied buildings*

- 1.6. High-rise structures*

- 1.7. Motion picture production studios*

- 1.8. Organized camps*

- 1.9. Residential structures*

- 2. Tents, awnings or other fabric enclosures used in connection with any occupancy*

- 3. Fire alarm devices, equipment and systems in connection with any occupancy*

- 4. Hazardous materials, flammable and combustible liquids*

- 5. Public school automatic fire detection, alarm, and sprinkler systems*

- 6. Wildland urban interface fire areas*

101.4 Appendices. *Provisions contained in the appendices of this code shall not apply unless specifically adopted by a state agency or adopted by a local enforcing agency in compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 18938 (b) for Building Standards Law, Health and Safety Code Section 17950 for State Housing Law and Health and Safety Code Section*