

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER 1

GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS

101.0 General.

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the California Mechanical Code, may be cited as such and will be referred to herein as "this code." The California Mechanical Code is Part 4 of twelve parts of the official compilation and publication of the adoptions, amendment, and repeal of mechanical 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 Uniform Mechanical Code of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials with necessary California amendments.

101.2 Purpose. The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, access to persons with disabilities, sanitation, adequate lighting and ventilation, and energy conservation; to preserve life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment; and to provide safety 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.

101.3.1 Non-State-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, structures, and applications regulated by state agencies as referenced in the Matrix Adoption Tables and as specified in Sections 102 through 114, 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 the Preface to distinguish the model code provisions from the California provisions.

- (1) State-owned buildings, including buildings constructed by the Trustees of the California State University, and to the extent permitted by California laws, buildings designed and constructed by the Regents of the University of California, and regulated by the Building Standards Commission. See Section 102 for additional scope provisions.
- (2) Reserved for Corrections Standards Authority. See section 103 for additional scope provisions.
- (3) Barbering, cosmetology or electrolysis establishments, establishment, acupuncture offices, pharmacies, veterinary facilities, and structural pest control locations regulated by the Department of Consumer Affairs. See Section 104 for additional scope provisions.
- (4) Reserved for the California Energy Commission. See Section 105 for additional scope provisions.
- (5) Reserved for the Department of Food and Agriculture. See Section 106 for additional scope provisions.
- (6) Organized camps, laboratory animal quarters, public swimming pools, radiation protection, commissaries serving mobile food preparation vehicles, and wild animal quarantine facilities regulated by the Department of Health Services. See Section 107 for additional scope provisions.
- (7) Hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartment houses, dwellings, dormitories, condominiums, shelters for homeless persons, congregate residences, employee housing, factory-built housing, and other types of dwellings containing sleeping accommodations with common toilets or cooking facilities. See Section 108 for additional scope provisions.
- (8) Accommodations for persons with disabilities in buildings containing newly constructed covered multifamily dwellings, new common use spaces serving existing covered multifamily dwellings, additions to existing buildings where the addition alone meets the definition of a covered multifamily dwelling, and common-use spaces serving covered multifamily dwellings which are regulated by Department of Housing and Community Development. See Section 108 for additional scope provisions.
- (9) Permanent buildings and permanent accessory buildings or structures constructed within