



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Alcohol Consumption		
Code Section(s)	§904.2.3.1 California Building Code (1998 ed)		
Requested by	James Pettigrew Ontario Fire Department 415 "B" Street Ontario, CA 91764		

Section 904.2.3.1 says that "an automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in rooms used by occupants for the consumption of alcoholic beverages." Is this section only to be used for occupancies such as bars, saloons, cocktail lounges, etc., or does this code section apply to all occupancies where alcoholic beverages are served, even when the alcohol consumption is incidental to dining?

Yes. According to §904.2.3.1, an automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in Group A occupancies serving alcohol, and in unseparated accessory areas where the total area exceeds 5,000 square feet regardless of the primary use.