



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	NFPA 13R		
Code Section(s)	§310.10 Exception #2a, California Building Code (1998 ed)		
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1. Does a sprinkler system installed to the requirements of the NFPA 13R meet the condition of sprinkler protection throughout?

No. The intent of the word “throughout” is to provide a level of protection in all areas that can be utilized by building occupants and where the intended use can result in the spread of smoke and/or fire. NFPA 13R allows deletion of sprinkler protection in many areas that can be used for storage of combustibles. The term “throughout” speaks to the level or degree of sprinkler coverage provided by the system and does not qualify the coverage exemptions allowed by a specific system.

2. The text states a separate manual fire alarm system need not be provided. However, occupant notification must be the result of operation of any manual station. Does this imply that manual pull stations need to be provided?

Yes. This exemption allows the deletion of an automatic fire alarm system. However, this section maintains the requirement for a manual fire alarm system that provides at least one pull station as per Section 1007.2.9.1.1 of the California Fire Code (1998 ed).