



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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| Topic | Fire Sprinkler Requirements for Stages | | |
| Code Section(s) | §904.2.3.7, California Building Code (2001 ed) | | |
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Are sprinklers required throughout buildings that contain a stage greater than 1000 square feet in area or more than 50 feet in height?

No. Not all structures having the type of stage that you indicate must be protected with a fire sprinkler system throughout the building. While the building itself may not be protected by a fire sprinkler system or may be only partially sprinklered, all stages greater than 1000 square feet in size or more than 50 feet in height and their accessory spaces (e.g., dressing rooms, workshops, storage rooms, other accessory spaces contiguous to the stage, etc.) must be protected by a fire sprinkler system.