



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizers		
Code Section(s)	§7903.2.1.6.2, California Fire Code (2001 ed)		
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Item 5 of §7903.2.1.6.2 states that quantities of alcohol “shall not exceed amounts necessary for demonstration, treatment, laboratory work, maintenance purpose and operation of equipment and shall not exceed quantities set forth in Table 7903.2-B”. Is the intent of this section to prohibit the installation of alcohol-based hand sanitizers in patient care rooms of institutional health care facilities?

No. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers used in the treatment of patients are allowed. The amount of material being used in individual patient rooms is negligible and far below the amounts allowable under Table 7903.2-B.