



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Fire Sprinklers in Unenclosed Shade Structures		
Code Section(s)	2007 California Building Code, section 903.2.1.2 & 903.2.2.1		
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A formal request for an interpretation of the provisions of Title 24, Part 2, Volume 1, 2007 California Building Code, Chapter 9, section 903.2.1.2 and section 903.2.2.1.

- 1. Is the intent of section 903.2.1.2 of the 2007 CBC to require fire sprinklers on detached, unenclosed shade structures, constructed of noncombustible materials and included as part of the modernization of an existing school campus.(?)**
- 2. Is the intent of section 903.2.2.1 of the 2007 CBC to require fire sprinklers on detached, unenclosed shade structures constructed on noncombustible materials and included as part of a new school campus. (?)**

No. Sections 903.2.1.2 or 903.2.2.1 are not intended to require that automatic fire sprinkler systems be provided to protect detached, unenclosed shade structures used only for students. However, to qualify for this sprinkler exception, these structures must be constructed of noncombustible materials and may not be used to store or house combustible items.