



California State Fire Marshal CODE INTERPRETATION

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Topic	Open flame devices in Assembly occupancies		
Code Section(s)	California Code of Regulations, Title 19; Section 3.25		
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Legally how are fire dancers allowed to handle (hand held) fire in A occupancies in light of the restriction of T-19, Division 1, Section 3.25 (b)?

§ 3.25. Open Flame Devices.

(a) Open flame devices shall be prohibited in every Group A, E, R-2.1 R-3.1 and R-4 Occupancy.

EXCEPTIONS:

(1) Fuel burning elements of approved appliances shall not be considered as open flame devices.

(2) Upon approval of the enforcing agency, open flame devices may be used under the following conditions.

(A) When necessary for ceremonial or theatrical purposes under such restrictions as may be deemed necessary to avoid danger of ignition of combustible materials or injury to occupants.

(B) In approved and stable candle holders on individual tables of dining establishments.

(b) Under no circumstances shall hand held open flame devices such as exposed candles be permitted for any purpose in any occupancy within the scope of these regulations.

The intent of this section is to prohibit the general public from hand held open flame devices such as exposed candles. The AHJ may issue permits for theatrical purposes in occupancies regulated by this section.