



## California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	<b>Sprinkler Substitution for Exterior Wall Protection</b>		
Code Section(s)	<b>California Building Code (1998 ed) Table 5A, California Building Code (1998 ed)</b>		
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**Does an automatic fire sprinkler system installed in compliance with a local requirement qualify as fire-resistive substitution for one-hour fire-resistive wall protection in a Type A 2.1 occupancy?**

Yes. When not required throughout the building by other sections of the Building Code, an automatic fire sprinkler system may be used in a building of Type V construction to substitute for one-hour fire-resistive construction. However, it should be noted that the substitution is NOT allowed where the exterior wall is less than 10 feet from the property line and additional protection is required.