



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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| Date Issued | 10-21-03 | Interpretation | 03-028 |
| Topic | Fire Alarm Devices and Dead Bolts in Group R, Division 3 | | |
| Code Section(s) | §310.15.4 and §1003.3.1.8, California Building Code | | |
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1. *Must fire alarm devices referenced in §310.15.4 be State Fire Marshal approved and listed?*

No. §310.15.4 requires only a device suitable for sounding a fire alarm --- not a listed fire alarm device. Therefore, any device approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (e.g., bell, whistles, air-horn, etc.) may be used. However, when the device installed is a fire alarm pull station that would normally be part of a fire alarm system, then these components must be SFM approved and listed.

2. *Does the operation of a dead bolt used in addition to the locking door hardware require special knowledge or effort? Must the door hardware and dead bolt be interconnected so that they release with single action?*

No. In individual dwelling units of Group R, Division 3 occupancies are permitted to secure the entry door with a night latch, dead bolt or security chain.