



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

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Topic	Emergency Planning and Information		
Code Section(s)	§3.09, Title 19, California Code of Regulations		
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***Various paragraphs of Title 19 §3.09 refer to “lodging houses.” Does that term include apartment houses?***

No. Per Chapter 2 of the 2001 California Building Code, apartment houses are defined as “three or more dwelling units”. “Dwelling units” are defined as any building or portion thereof that contains living facilities, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation. “Lodging houses” are defined as containing more than five guest rooms where the guest rooms are for sleeping purposes only.

***If the answer to the first question is “no”, is emergency planning and information required by the State Fire Marshal for apartment houses?***

Yes. While emergency planning for apartment houses is not specifically addressed in Section 3.09 of Title 19, it is included in Section 13220(c) of the California Health and Safety Code.