



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Fire sprinklers in unenclosed shade structures REVISED		
Code Section(s)	§904.2.4.4.1.1, California Building Code (2001)		
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Is it the intent of Section 904.2.4.4.1.1 of the 2001 CBC to require fire sprinklers on detached, unenclosed shade structures constructed of noncombustible materials and included as part of a new school campus?

No. Section 904.2.4.4.1.1 is 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.