



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

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Topic	Apartment Complexes – Emergency Procedure Information		
Code Section(s)	Health and Safety Code Section 13220 & T-19, Section 3.09		
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***Health and Safety Code Section 13220 specifically limits its application for emergency procedure information to "apartment houses of two stories or more in height that contain three or more dwelling units, and where the front door opens into an interior hallway or interior lobby area". Evacuation signs have been required by local fire authorities to be posted at landings of multi-floor, multi-unit residential housing projects "per Title 19 par. 3.09 and Health and Safety Code Sections 13220 where the egress at these sites consists of open stairs at each end of common, open corridors. Are the requirements for emergency procedure information and evacuation signs applicable in the circumstances noted above?***

No. Title 19 has not been updated to include apartment houses. The California Health and Safety Code, Section 13220 [c], speaks to apartment houses and limits the requirements for emergency procedure information to apartment houses two stories or more having exits opening into interior hallways or interior lobby areas. The emergency procedure information does not have to be posted in those apartment complexes two or more stories in height where the exit doors from the apartments open directly to the exterior.