



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Requirements for applying fire retardant		
Code Section(s)	Title 19 Article 2/5		
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If a contractor who has been hired to build a house or is building a house for resale (who would be profiting from the job) is applying fire retardant to the wood of the house (during construction as required by the building department) are they required to have a GENERAL APPLICATORS LICENSE?

No. The scope of Chapter 8 applies only to those specific occupancies specified in Health and Safety Codes Sections 13115 and 13119. Generally speaking, these are places of assembly with 10 or more people, motion picture theaters, skating rinks, schools, night clubs, restaurant, or cafe where alcoholic liquors are sold for consumption, tents, etc. The regulations themselves are intended to address all drapes, hangings, curtains, drops and all other similar decorative material and tents in regards to whether they are made from a nonflammable material or are treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition.