



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	May 16, 2007	Interpretation	06-082
Topic	Sprinklers in Elevator Hoistways		
Code Section(s)	NFPA 13 Section 5-13.6.3		
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Can fire sprinklers be omitted from the top of elevator hoistways comprised of one or two hour construction, per NFPA 13, section 5-13.6.3, Exception, providing the elevator cars meet the ASME requirements cited? An example would be elevator shafts with one-hour or two-hour rated walls and ceilings, built with typical gypsum board construction.

Yes.

Does the State Fire Marshal consider elevator hoistways constructed of fire rated construction the equivalent of noncombustible construction as described in the NFPA 13, 1999 edition?

Yes, when materials exposed to the interior of the car and the hoistway are limited to the flame spread rating of 50 or less and the smoke development rating of 0-450 are met.