



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Sprinkler requirements for less than 24hr adult day care facility		
Code Section(s)	2007 CFC 903.2.5 & CBC 407.5		
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This letter is to request an interpretation of both the 2007 CFC and 2007 CBC regarding an I-4 occupancy, that being for adult day care facilities.

CFC Section 903.2.5 requires that a Group I occupancy be sprinklered, but has an exception for based upon Section 407.5 of the 2007 CBC.

Section 407.5 of the CBC states that “Every facility as specified herein wherein more than six clients or patients are housed or cared for on the premises **on a 24-hour-per-day basis** shall have installed and maintained in an operable condition in every building or portion thereof where clients or patients are housed, an automatic sprinkler system of a type approved by the State Fire Marshal”.

Therefore, if the occupant is open less than 24 hours, doesn't the requirement for fire sprinklers disappear by simple default of the hours that they are open?

No, California Building Code (CBC) Section 407.5 applies to I-2 occupancies only. Buildings and structures occupied by persons of any

age who receive custodial care for less than 24 hours by individuals other than parents or guardians, relatives by blood, marriage or adoption and in a place other than the home of the person cared for are classified as I-4 occupancies. CBC Section 903.2.5 requires an automatic sprinkler system be provided throughout buildings with a Group I fire area.