



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Fire Sprinklers in exterior concealed spaces		
Code Section(s)	2001 California Building Code Section 508		
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We understand that Fire Sprinklers must be installed above ceilings in the interstitial space of non-combustible construction when applying 2001 CBC 508 (In Lieu of 1 hour fire resistive construction).

N.F.P.A. #13, 2002 Edition (8.14.7.2) states that sprinklers are not required. Are Fire Sprinklers required in the exterior, non-combustible, non-accessible concealed spaces (soffits, overhangs, etc.)?

No. Fire Sprinklers are not required in exterior, non-combustible, non-accessible concealed spaces where the space does not contain combustible material, electrical wiring and equipment or structural members and the space is separated from the building by approved fire blocking and/or draft stopping.