



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Automatic Dispensers for Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizers		
Code Section(s)	2007 California Fire Code Section 3405.5		
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This is a formal request for an interpretation of the provisions found in the *2007 California Fire Code, Chapter 34, Section 3405.5*. The section lists seven specific criteria that have to be met in order to allow installation of alcohol based hand rub dispensers. Item number five states "Dispensers shall not release their contents except when the dispenser is manually activated".

Does a sensor activated dispenser meet this criterion?

Yes. A dispenser that is sensor activated when a hand is placed under the sensor meets the criteria for "manually activated".