



## California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Fire alarm boxes at horizontal exits		
Code Section(s)	<b>2007 California Fire Code Section 907.4.1</b>		
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2007 CFC 907.4.1 Requires manual fire alarm boxes to be located within 5 feet from the entrance to each exit.

Is a Horizontal exit as described in 2007 CBC 1002.1 (a path of egress travel through or around a wall or partition to an area on approximately the same level in the same building, which affords safety from fire and smoke from the area of incidence and areas communicating therewith) considered an exit that requires a manual fire alarm box?

**Yes. Manual fire alarm boxes are required at every exit, which includes horizontal exits.**