



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Sprinklers in Concealed Spaces		
Code Section(s)	2007/2010 California Building Code Section 601		
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Is it the intent of the California Building Code to require fire sprinkler protection in noncombustible or limited combustible interstitial spaces of Type IIA or IIIA or VA construction, such as voids between drop ceilings and floor/ceiling assemblies, attics, etc. where an automatic sprinkler system in compliance with NFPA 13 as an alternative one-hour-fire-resistance rated construction?

No, provided the interstitial spaces comply with the 2002 edition of NFPA 13 as amended or 2010 edition of NFPA 13 as amended for buildings constructed under the 2007 or 2010 California Building Code respectively.

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