



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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| Date Issued | August 5, 2015 | Interpretation | 15-003 |
| Topic | R-2.1 Alarm Requirements | | |
| Code Section(s) | 2013 CFC 907.2.9.4 | | |
| Requested by | Fresno Fire Department Timothy Henry, Deputy Chief / Fire Marshal | | |
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Questions:

- 1. Does the extent of automatic detection device coverage need to include the client rooms in addition to the corridor system serving those rooms and the common use areas?**

Answer: Yes, the provisions of 907.2.9.4 do not exempt client rooms. Additionally, 907.2.11.2 requires single- or multiple-station smoke alarms in the client rooms, however, exception 2 allows the smoke detector to be used in place of the smoke alarm in the sleeping rooms. If this exception is used, the sleeping rooms will still need to be provided with local notification, and only a supervisory signal must be reported to the fire alarm panel.

- 2. Does the automatic detection described above have to be extended to the first floor also or is the exception to 907.2.9.4 still valid for a two or more story building if there will not be nonambulatory clients housed on the first floor?**

Answer: No. The exception to 907.2.9.4 only applies when nonambulatory clients are housed on the 1st floor only. The exception is not applicable for a two story building where nonambulatory clients are housed on the 2nd floor.