APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION   
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# FINAL EXPRESS TERMS FOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL REGARDING THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 1 (SFM 03/24)

The state agency shall draft the regulations in plain, straightforward language, avoiding technical terms as much as possible and using a coherent and easily readable style. The agency shall draft the regulation in plain English. A notation shall follow the express terms of each regulation listing the specific statutes authorizing the adoption and listing specific statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific (Government Code Section 11346.2(a)(1)).

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## LEGEND for EXPRESS TERMS (California only codes - Parts 1, 6, 8, 11, 12)

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* Ellipses (…) indicate existing text remains unchanged

## FINAL EXPRESS TERMS

### ITEM 1 Chapter 3 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL (SFM).

[The Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) proposes to adopt Chapter 3 of the 2025 edition of the California Administrative Code, carrying forward existing amendments from the 2022 California Administrative Code with the following modification.]

#### ITEM 1-1 Article 3-1 General, 3-104. Application of building standards.

[The SFM proposes to adopt Article 3-1, with modification to include Part 7.]

**3-104. Application of building standards**.

Building standards applicable to state-owned buildings, specified state-occupied buildings and state institutions, and, to the extent permitted by law, buildings administered or occupied by the Regents of the University of California, are outlined in Parts 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Title 24, C.C.R., and have been adopted as minimum design and construction standards upon which to base the approval of plans and specifications. These regulations shall not be construed to prevent the use of higher design standards or to restrict the use of new or innovative design or construction techniques. Where the designer desires to use innovative design or construction techniques not addressed in these regulations it shall be necessary to submit for review and approval information including computations, test data, and recommendations covering the design in question. The designer shall confer with the SFM concerning the applicability of these innovative design or construction techniques to the construction of state-owned, specified state-occupied, and state institutions prior to the submittal of plans and specifications. SFM must be satisfied that the degree of safety achieved by these innovative design and construction techniques is at least equivalent to that achieved by the regulations. The determination of the equivalency of the degree of safety shall be the responsibility of SFM.

**Authority** - Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13145, 13146, 16022.5 and 17921

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#### Notation:

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 1250, 1502, 1568.02, 1569.72 - 1569.78, 1597.44 - 1597.65, 13108, 13108.5, 13114, 13143, 13143.2, 13143.6, 13145, 13146, 13211, 16022.5, 17921, 18928, 18949.2, 25500 through 25545; Government Code Sections 51176, 51177, 51178, 51179 and 51189; Public Education Code 17074.50; Public Resources Code Sections 4201 through 4204.

Reference(s): Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13108.5, 13113, 13113.5, 13114, 13132, 13132.7, 13133, 13135, 13143, 13143.1, 13143.2, 13143.6, 13143.9, 13145, 13146, 13210, 13211, 16022.5, 17921.