APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION   
FEBRUARY 26, 2025

# ADDENDUM TO FINAL EXPRESS TERMS AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL REGARDING THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 9 (SFM 06/24)

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)).

Approve as amended a proposed provision, as requested by the state agency. No modification shall be made that materially alters a requirement, right, responsibility, condition or prescription in the text made available to the public for comment in accordance with this chapter. The proposing agency shall justify the modification pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18930 in an amended justification consistent with the approval action submitted to the Commission within 15 days. Failure to submit the amended justification within that time is cause for disapproval. (Section 1-417(a)4 of the California Administrative Code, Part 1 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations).

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## LEGEND for EXPRESS TERMS (Based on model codes - Parts 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10)

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* Amended model code or new California amendments appear *underlined & italic*
* Repealed model code language appears ~~upright and in strikeout~~
* Repealed California amendments appear in *~~italic and strikeout~~*
* Ellipses (...) indicate existing text remains unchanged

## ADDENDUM to FINAL EXPRESS TERMS and RATIONALE

### ITEM 10-6 Chapter 10 Means of Egress, Section 1015.2 Where required

[In this FET addendum, SFM proposes to underline words “Elevated facility observation station access hatches at detention facilities.” to correctly show that this is a new language added to the California Fire Code (CFC) to match existing language in the California Building Code (CBC). There is no change in regulatory effect associated with the proposed change.]

**1015.2 Where required.** …

**Exceptions:** Guards are not required for the following locations:

…

10. At portions of an occupiable roof …

*11. Elevated facility observation station access hatches at detention facilities.*

**Rationale:** SFM proposes to correctly show that this is a new language added to the California Fire Code (CFC) to match the existing language in the California Building Code (CBC). There is no change in regulatory effect associated with the proposed change. This will create consistency between the two parts of Title 24 and benefit the code user by avoiding confusion.

**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.

The State Fire Marshal requests the Commission to approve this item as amended; in order to satisfy Health and Safety Code Section(s) **18930(a)(6):** *The proposed building standards are not unnecessarily ambiguous or vague, in whole or in part.*

### ITEM 59-3 Appendix 4 Special Detailed Requirements Based on Use and Occupancy, Section 435.8.6 Stairways

[In this FET addendum, SFM proposes to underline words “Exceptions to Section 1023 shall not apply in facilities licensed as a 24-hour care facility.” to correctly show that this is a new language added to the California Fire Code (CFC) to match existing language in the California Building Code (CBC). There is no change in regulatory effect associated with the proposed change.]

***435.8.6.1*** *Group R-2.1 and Group R-4 occupancies housing more than six nonambulatory clients above the first floor shall be provided with two vertical exit enclosures. Stairway enclosures shall be in compliance with Section ~~1022~~1023. Exceptions to Section 1023 shall not apply in facilities licensed as a 24-hour care facility.*

**Rationale:** SFM proposes to correctly show that this is a new language added to the California Fire Code (CFC) to match the existing language in the California Building Code (CBC). There is no change in regulatory effect associated with the proposed change. This will create consistency between the two parts of Title 24 and benefit the code user by avoiding confusion.

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