

**CODE APPLICATION NOTICE****FILE NO.:** 9-907.10.1.1

(Previously 2-3505.1)

**Subject:** Visual Fire Alarms**EFFECTIVE:** 06/19/08**CODE SECTION:** Section 907.10.1.1, 2007 California Fire Code (CFC)

Section 907.10.1.1 Public and common use areas. Visible alarm notification appliances shall be provided in public use areas and common use areas *including but not limited to:*

1. *Sanitary facilities including restrooms, bathrooms and shower rooms*
2. *Corridors*
3. *Music practice rooms*
4. *Band rooms*
5. *Gymnasiums*
6. *Multipurpose rooms*
7. *Occupational shops*
8. *Occupied rooms where ambient noise impairs hearing of the fire alarm*
9. *Lobbies*
10. *Meeting rooms*

**PURPOSE:**

Clarification is needed to specify locations where visual devices are required in health care occupancies.

**INTERPRETATION:**

When fire-protective signaling systems are provided, they shall include visual alarms in the following areas:

1. **RESTROOMS (TOILET ROOMS) AND SIMILAR USES**, to include:

- Public restrooms
- Staff restrooms
- Patient restrooms, serving other than individual patient rooms
- Locker rooms
- Dressing rooms

Visual devices are not required in patient room restrooms provided exclusively for use by inpatients in I-2 and I-2.1 Occupancies (Section 907.2.6.2 2007 CFC)

2. **CORRIDOR SYSTEM AND SIMILAR USES**, to include:

- Public corridors
- Staff corridors
- Service corridors
- Vestibules
- Passageways

3. **GYMNASIUMS AND SIMILAR USES**, to include:

Physical therapy  
Rehabilitation therapy  
Occupational therapy

4. **MULTIPURPOSE ROOMS AND SIMILAR USES**, to include:

Auditoriums  
Dining rooms  
Cafeterias  
Outdoor patios & courts that require exiting through the building and are an occupiable portion of the building.

5. **OCCUPIED ROOMS WHERE AMBIENT NOISE IMPAIRS HEARING OF THE FIRE ALARM AND SIMILAR USES**, to include:

Kitchens  
Laundry areas  
Central sterilization  
Mechanical equipment rooms  
Generator rooms  
Boiler rooms  
Power plants

6. **LOBBIES AND SIMILAR USES**, including elevator lobbies:

No further specifications.

7. **MEETING ROOMS AND SIMILAR USES**, to include:

Conference rooms  
Waiting rooms  
Reception rooms/areas  
Lounges  
Chapels

8. **ANY OTHER AREA FOR COMMON USE WITH AN OCCUPANT LOAD OF AT LEAST SEVEN (7) AND SIMILAR USES**, to include:

Pharmacies  
Laboratories  
Office rooms/areas

