

DEFINITIONS

Date of Manufacturer: the date a manufacturer certifies compliance of the structure by affixing either a federal label or an insignia of approval. The date of manufacture is recorded by the manufacturer on a data plate and affixed inside each manufactured structure in accordance with federal regulations.

Ignition Resistant Construction System: An exterior fire safety system consisting of ignition-resistant designs, construction and site installation methods and materials that comply with the applicable provisions of Title 24, Part 2, Chapter 7A.

Local Responsibility Area: A local Agency Very-High Fire Hazard Severity Zone established pursuant to Title 24, Part 2, Chapter 7A.

State Responsibility Area: A Fire Hazard Severity Zone established pursuant to Title 24, Part 2, Chapter 7A.

Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area: A geographical area identified by the state as a "Fire Hazard Severity Zone", or other areas to be a significant risk from wildfires, established pursuant to Title 24, Part 2, Chapter 7A.



What additional information is required when I submit plans for my project located in a Fire Hazard Severity Zone?

- ◆ A copy of the inspection report from the factory certifying that the manufactured home was constructed to meet the requirements pursuant of Sections 701A.3.2.2 and 701A.3.2.3 of Title 24, Part 2, Chapter 7A.
- ◆ Clearly note on the plans the requirements for the minimum vegetation clearances per California Government Code Section 51182. (For more information contact the Solano County Building Inspection Division)
- ◆ Clearly note on the plans the Fire Hazard Severity Zone the property is located in.
- ◆ Provide applicable plans, details, and manufactures specifications/installation instructions for the ignition resistant construction system used for skirting, decks and appendages.



Picture above from Southern California Wildfires
November 15, 2008

Manufactured Housing Park in Slymar, Ca

Solano County Building Inspection Division



Housing and Community
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EMERGENCY ACTION FOR MANUFACTURED HOMES LOCATED IN FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES

EFFECTIVE AS OF
SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

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What is the Emergency Action for Manufactured Homes?

The emergency action requires **all** manufactured homes, mobile homes, multifamily manufactured homes, and commercial modular buildings installed or intended to be installed in a Fire Hazard Severity Zone within a State Responsibility Area or in any Very-High Local Responsibility Area to be constructed with a ignition resistant construction system. All building permits applied for on or after **September 1, 2008** are subject to these requirements.

Rationale for Emergency

It is a matter of emergency that construction standards be placed into effect to provide protection of manufactured homes, mobile homes multifamily manufactured homes and commercial modular's being installed in areas designated as Fire Hazard Severity Zones. Failure to implement these standards as an emergency will leave these types of structures and the occupants vulnerable to the hazard posed by wildfire. At the current time, 350 manufactured homes and 300 commercial modular's are sold and installed monthly in California, many of which are in high fire hazard zones.

Are there any exceptions to the Emergency Action?

The following do not have to comply with the ignition resistant construction requirements:

- ◆ Manufactured homes manufactured on or after January 1, 2006, and prior to September 1, 2008, for which an application for a permit to install has been submitted prior to September 1, 2009.
- ◆ Any commercial modular structure installed in either a State Responsibility area or Very-High Local Responsibility Area for temporary use or occupancy for one year or less, as calculated based on the date of permit issuance.

How can I find out if the construction location is located in a Fire Hazard Severity Zone?

The Fire Hazard Severity Zone locations and types can be downloaded off of the Cal-Fire website at www.fire.ca.gov or information can be obtained by calling the Cal-Fire information line at (916) 653-5123.

The information can also be obtained at:

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Requirements for **used** manufactured homes, mobile homes, multifamily manufactured homes and commercial modular structures located in Fire Hazard Severity Zones

The Emergency Action does not require the installation of an ignition resistant construction system on a used manufactured home unless the structure meets one of the following criteria:

- ◆ It already has an ignition resistant construction system.
- ◆ It undergoes exterior repair, replacement, or alteration of a component which would be subject to this article, and only the portion undergoing the repair, replacement or alteration must comply with the provisions of this article.
- ◆ It undergoes conversion from one type of occupancy to another.
- ◆ It is intended to be installed or re-installed in a different location, that is in a State Responsibility or Local Responsibility Area.

If a used manufactured home, mobile home, multifamily manufactured home or commercial modular is altered to add any or all components of exterior fire protection, and the alteration is intended to create an “ignition resistant system”, the alterations or additions must comply with the provisions of the Emergency Action.