



SUBJECT

Special Requirements for Elevators in Hospitals

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CODE SECTION

Section 3009
2013 California Building Code (CBC)

Section 3009 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ELEVATORS IN HOSPITALS

3009.1 General. [OSHPD1] *In hospital buildings, all elevators shall comply with the provisions of this section.*

3009.1.1 Seismic switch. *The seismic switch, as required by ASME A17.1, shall be connected to the essential electrical system.*

3009.1.2 Annunciator. *Either a visible or an audible annunciator shall be connected to the essential electrical system and be located in the elevator machine room. The annunciator will indicate if the seismic switch is inoperative due to a loss of power. If a visual annunciator is used, it shall be clearly visible in the room.*

3009.1.3 Travel speed. *After a seismic switch has been triggered, the elevator shall have the ability to operate a “go slow” speed until the elevator can be inspected. “Go slow” speed is defined as a travel speed of not more than 150 feet per minute (45.72 meters per minute).*

3009.1.4 Cable-operated elevators. *For cable-operated elevators, an additional sensor switch shall be installed on the governor rope/sheave. The sensor shall prevent car movement when the governor tail sheave is dislodged from its normal position.*

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Code Adoption Notice (CAN) is to clarify that Section 3009 *Special Requirements for Elevators in Hospitals* of the California Building Code (CBC), Part 2, Title 24 remains valid and applicable for projects submitted under the 2013 CBC.

BACKGROUND

The requirements of CBC Section 3009 went through the rulemaking process and were adopted into the 1995 California Building Code to provide safe hospital elevator operation continuity following a seismic event. These requirements have remained in force and have been brought forward in each subsequent triennial code adoption including the 2012 triennial adoption. In the [2012 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle](#) the Office proposed the

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adoption of the 2012 edition of the International Building Code with amendments to be carried forward and incorporated into the 2013 California Building Code, Part 2, Title 24. However, as a result of a printing oversight, Section 3009 was inadvertently left out of the 2013 California Building Code publication.

This CAN clarifies that the final express terms ([PDF](#)) of rulemaking proposal OSHPD 04/12 adopted by the California Building Standards Commission in the 2012 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle and filed with the Secretary of State remains wholly enforceable for the 2013 California Building Code.

The 2016 CBC correctly incorporates Section 3009; rectifying the printing error of the 2013 CBC.

INTERPRETATION

CBC Section 3009 *Special Requirements for Elevators in Hospitals* applies to all projects, as applicable, permitted under the 2013 code.

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