



## El Segundo Fire Department - Fire Prevention Division

### Placement of Fire Alarm Visible Notification Devices

#### Fire Prevention Interpretation #03-1

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The El Segundo Fire Department has reviewed placement requirements for visible notification devices, found in the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2, "California Building Code" (CBC); and National Fire Protection Association Standard 72 (NFPA 72), "National Fire Alarm Code", 2002 Edition. Specifically, the sections referenced are CBC Section 3505.2, which revised NFPA 72, 1999 edition, Section 4-4.5 *Notification Appliances for the Hearing Impaired*, and NFPA 72, 2002 edition, Section 7.5.4.1.2. Visible notification devices shall be placed in the following areas:

- Offices, 400 square feet in area or larger
- Offices where a hearing impaired person is located
- Restrooms
- Corridors/Hallways
- Music Practice Rooms
- Band Rooms
- Gymnasiums
- Multipurpose Rooms
- Occupational Shops
- Occupied rooms where ambient noise impairs hearing of the audible fire alarm
- Lobbies
- Meeting Rooms/Conference Rooms
- Coffee/Break Rooms
- Copier Rooms
- File Rooms
- Areas where the public or visitors congregate
- Factories/Labs
- Mercantile
- Warehouse areas with an occupant load of 4 persons or greater, or where the public or visitors can occupy