

COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Division

Administrative Ruling/Interpretation 2007-7

Subject: Alarm Notification Devices in Elementary Classroom Restrooms

Effective: August 29, 2007

Code Reference: 2003 IFC 907.10

Description of Problem:

Restrooms are typically considered a public use area and are subject to audible and visual notification requirements. However, in-classroom restrooms designed for children present an unusual situation. Typically these restrooms are not available for general public use as they are not accessible from the main corridors within a school and are ancillary to the affected populated classroom under direct control of a teacher.

Decision:

Elementary classrooms that are equipped with restrooms designed for children (child-sized facilities) are exempt from the notification requirements of public use areas. Children are under the direct supervision of the teacher and are dependent on them for direction in the event of a fire or other emergency. Audible appliances creating the minimum dBA requirement in the ancillary classroom may be viewed as sufficient for the restroom.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett T. Lacey", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brett T. Lacey, Fire Marshal