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## ABS PIPING MATERIAL

**Reference:** California Plumbing Code  
2001 Edition

The following policy with regard to the use of ABS Piping material is effective immediately:

Sections 701.1.2m 903.1.2 and 1101.3 of the 2001 California Plumbing Code (CPC) will allow ABS and PVC DWV piping installations in all buildings, provided the installation is in accordance with Installation Standards IS5 and IS9, and new Chapter 15, entitled, "Firestop Protection for DWV and Stormwater Application." However, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD 1 & 2), which regulates residential occupancies in the State (see Section 101.11.8 of the CPC for a complete list of regulated occupancies), amends that section to limit their installation "*to not more than two stories of areas of residential accommodation.*"

In addition, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD 1, 2, 3 & 4) also amends this section to basically prohibit these materials from being installed in any of the occupancies under their purview. These occupancies include hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, correctional treatment centers, and more importantly to us, licensed clinics (see Section 101.11 of the CPC for a complete list of regulated occupancies).

Since the California codes require that amendments made by state agencies be only applicable to the occupancies under their purview, it will then be appropriate to allow the subject material to be used within all buildings of occupancies other than those regulated by these two agencies.

Section 107.1.2 covers drainage piping inside buildings, Section 903.1.2 covers vent piping and Section 1101.3 covers stormwater piping.