



**Informal Interpretation Report  
Number 8219**



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**Section** SECTION 903 AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, [F] 903.2.8 Group R

**Question:**

Does the section 903.2.8 apply to 3 or more attached units meeting the definition of "Townhouse", per the 2017 Florida Building Code, Building?

SECTION 903 AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, [F] 903.2.8 Group R. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R fire area?

**Answer:**

Yes. If a townhouse is designed and constructed in accordance with the provision of the FBC-Building, fire sprinkler protection would be required under 903.2.8

On 03/05/2019 at 12:50 PM

**Commentary:**

If a townhouse is constructed under the FBC-Residential, fire sprinkler protection would not be required. In addition, the applicant refers to NFPA 13R fire sprinkler protection. This type of protection would not be appropriate for a townhouse constructed under the FBC-Building or the FBC-Residential. NFPA 13D protection would be the appropriate design.

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