

**CHAPTER 9  
FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

**SECTION 907.2.6  
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**907.2.6 Group I.** A manual fire alarm system and an automatic fire detection system shall be installed in Group I occupancies. An electrically supervised, automatic smoke detection system shall be provided in waiting areas that are open to corridors.

**Exception:** Manual fire alarm boxes in patient sleeping areas of Group I-1 and I-2 occupancies shall not be required at exits if located at all nurse's control stations or other constantly attended staff locations, provided such stations are visible and continuously accessible and that travel distances required in Section 907.4.1 are not exceeded.

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**Q:** Is an electrically supervised, smoke detection system required throughout a Group I-2 occupancy (hospital)?

**A:** No. Section 907.2.6 limits the need for electrically supervised, automatic smoke detection systems to waiting rooms open to corridors in all Group I occupancies, including Group I-2 hospitals. The provisions require only that a manual fire alarm system and an automatic fire detection system be installed in all occupancies classified as Group I.

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