



Code Names - A One Page Explanation

When you read the phrase “California Building Standards Code, Title 24, California Code of Regulations”, do you understand it? If not, here is an explanation.

This is the name given to all 13 parts of Title 24.

This is the name given to identify the entire body of state regulations in the 28 titles that are developed by state agencies to implement, interpret, clarify, and carryout the intent of state law.

California Building Standards Code, Title 24, California Code of Regulations

The California Code of Regulations is divided into 28 separate titles. Title 24 is the 24th title and it is reserved for building standards, a type of regulation promulgated by the state agencies. The word title is merely a word used to identify a segment of a code, similar to the words article, chapter, division etc.

So, California places all building standards in Title 24 of the *California Code of Regulations*, and named Title 24 the *California Building Standards Code*. Title 24 is divided into 13 separate parts. Each Part has an identifying number and name. Some parts are based on model codes published by private code development organizations.

- **Part 1**, named the California Administrative Code
- **Part 2**, Volumes 1 and 2, named the California Building Code, based on the International Building Code
- **Part 2.5**, named the California Residential Code, based on the International Residential Code
- **Part 3**, named the California Electrical Code, based on the National Electrical Code
- **Part 4**, named the California Mechanical Code and is based on the Uniform Mechanical Code
- **Part 5**, named the California Plumbing Code, based on the Uniform Plumbing Code
- **Part 6**, named the California Energy Code
- **Part 7**, currently vacant
- **Part 8**, named the State Historical Building Code
- **Part 9**, named the California Fire Code, based on the International Fire Code
- **Part 10**, named the California Existing Building Code, based on the International Existing Building Code
- **Part 11**, named the California Green Building Standards Code, and is also called CALGreen
- **Part 12**, named the California Referenced Standards Code

Want to learn more? Read our [Guide to Title 24](#) available at no charge from our website <http://www.bsc.ca.gov> . The guide is only one of several free educational documents available on our website.