

Reason: [The reason should be concise if the request is for “Disapproval,” “Further Study,” or “Approve As Amend” and identify at least one of the 9-point criteria (following) of Health and Safety Code §18930.]

HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 18930(a)(3 through 6)

Rather than describing the location and use of the (★) and (-) buttons, the audio output has the ability to provide the information these symbols represent for persons who cannot see the symbols on a screen. For example, “Floor One, Main Egress Floor” conveys this better than “The star designation is located in the lower left quadrant of the screen and is used to choose the main egress floor level”. The word “minus” can be verbalized for floors below the main egress floor.

Where a (-) icon is used on the screen [see 11B-411.2.1.7.2 Exceptions (1)], the word “minus” can be stated when that icon is touched by the user as they pass their finger over the keypad arrangement.

For mechanical 12-key keypads the (★) and (-) buttons are always in the same location and always have the same function. Providing additional verbal instructions is unnecessary, just as they would be for a visually disabled person using a public telephone.