



# Florida Fire Marshals And Inspectors Association

## Informal Interpretation

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**If this involves an actual situation, explain briefly:**

We have prepared plans for a 5800 S.F. single story building with a business occupancy. The construction is masonry walls w/ wood trusses. We have provided 4 means of egress and all parts of the building are accessible within 150' of the fire department access road. We are being told that we have to sprinkle the building because the site does not meet the requirements of NFPA-1 2007, Chapter 18 Section 18.2.3. I have attached site and building plans for review.

**Question** (*should be worded so that it can be answered with either "Yes" or "No"*):

Does this building on this site need sprinkler protection?

**Answer:**

No.

Based on the attached design, the project does not require fire sprinkler protection. The access design does not appear to violate the provisions of NFPA 1/Florida Fire Prevention Code section 18.2.3. Therefore, there would be no need to trigger an alternative design approach utilizing fire sprinkler protection due to a code compliance deficiency in the access design.

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