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### **PURPOSE**

Provide guidelines for sprinkler protection of closets and wardrobes in all fully sprinkled facilities, in accordance with National Fire Protection Association standards 13, 13R or 13 D, regulated by the Bureau of Fire Services (BFS)

### **DEFINITION**

A closet shall be defined as a cabinet or enclosed recess for linens, household supplies or clothing.

A wardrobe shall be defined as a tall cabinet with shelves or rods for storing and hanging personal clothing and belongings.

1. Built-in closets of any size shall be protected by placing a sprinkler head inside the closet.
2. Freestanding wardrobes 36 cubic feet interior dimension or smaller shall not require additional sprinkler coverage in accordance with NFPA 13 1996 Section A-4-13.8.2 Section 4.6.5.4. Inspectors should review the room sprinkler coverage to ensure unobstructed coverage of the wardrobe. Removal of the top or louvered doors is not necessary. This policy shall only be used for light hazard Health Care occupancies.
3. Freestanding wardrobes over 36 cubic feet or wardrobes installed under soffits, bulkheads, or flush with the wall shall be protected by installing a sprinkler head inside the wardrobe, or by placing a sprinkler head directly in front of the wardrobe.