



## SUBJECT

Essential Electrical Power for Heating  
(formerly CAN 4-316.0)

**CAN:** 4-326.0

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## CODE SECTION

Section 326.0  
2013 California Mechanical Code (CMC)

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#### CHAPTER 3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**Section 326.0 Essential Mechanical Provisions.** During periods of power outages essential electrical power shall be provided for the following equipment:

- 326.1 (Does not apply to OSHPD 3 surgical clinics) All heating equipment necessary to maintain a minimum temperature of 60°F. (15.6°C.) in patient areas which are not specified in Table 325.
- 326.2 All heating equipment necessary to maintain the minimum temperatures for sensitive areas as specified in Table 325.
- 326.3 Equipment necessary for humidification of the areas listed in Table 325.
- 326.4 All supply, return and exhaust fans required to maintain the positive and negative air balances as required in Table 4-A.
- 326.5 All control components and control systems necessary for the normal operation of the equipment required to have essential electrical power.
- 326.6 Alarms for airborne infection isolation rooms and protective environment rooms.

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## INTERPRETATION

The purpose of Section 326.0, 2013 CMC is to ensure **essential electrical power** to the equipment noted. Section 326.0 is not to be construed as requiring:

1. Dual fuel heating equipment (i.e., secondary fuel for gas fired boilers).

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2. Electrical heating equipment in addition to gas fired heating equipment (i.e., electric duct heaters in addition to gas fired rooftop units).

**REASON**

It is not the policy of FDD plan review to dictate design but rather to obtain compliance with code. It is not the intent of this code section to require alternative fuel sources when utilizing natural gas, no such requirement shall be imposed on designs submitted to the Office.

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