



## California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Reductions in Required Exiting Width for Indoor and outdoor arenas.		
Code Section(s)	2010 CBC, Section 1002, Section 1028.6.2		
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Are the provisions of Section 1028.6.2 for smoke-protected seating applicable for Group A occupancies that do not have permanent fixed seating, aisles, etc? Uses such as large ballrooms and exhibit halls would be ideal for the reduction in stair/aisle width per Table 1028.6.2 based upon smoke protection.

**Yes. This section applies to all assemblies with smoke protected seating; it does not apply to open assembly areas such as exhibit halls and ballrooms. A life safety evaluation, complying with NFPA 101 as required by CBC 1028.6.2, shall be submitted to and approved by the authority having jurisdiction for a facility utilizing the reduced width requirements of CBC Table 1028.6.2. Fire modeling for each scenario where seating is not fixed shall be evaluated.**