



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	01-07-02	Interpretation #	02-004
Topic	Cubicle Curtains		
Code Section(s)	§3.08, Exception #1, Title19, California Code of Regulations		
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1. *Is the intent of §3.08 Exception #1 that all cubicle curtains be installed so that they do not conceal the exits and fire protection equipment when closed?*

No. Privacy curtains are normally maintained in the open position. Exception #1 allows for the temporary use of curtains to provide privacy to patients during medical treatment and analysis.

2. *Does the term “individual” as applied to patient rooms in Exception #1 intend to allude to the number of patients in the room?*

No. Patient rooms in Group I occupancies may have more than one patient.