



California State Fire Marshal  
**CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	06-17-02	Interpretation #	02-019
Topic	<b>Exit Through Intervening Rooms in Group E-3 Occupancies</b>		
Code Section(s)	<b>§1007.3.4, California Building Code (1998)</b>		
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*When two exits are required in Group E, Division 3 occupancies, can both exits pass through an intervening room?*

No. Exception #4 to Section 1004.2.2 of the California Building Code (1998) specifies that only one required exit may pass through an adjoining or intervening room if the intervening room provides direct access to an exit or to a corridor. All other exits must be directly to an exit or to a corridor that provides direct access to an exit.