



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Reception Rooms Open to Corridors		
Code Section(s)	§1004.3.4, Exception #1, California Building Code (2001)		
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In a fully-sprinklered Group B Occupancy, can a reception room within a one-hour fire-rated corridor be provided with built-in wood/plastic laminated countertops, base and upper cabinets and ancillary seating for a receptionist(s)? If not, what is the definition of a reception room?

No. Based on the description you provide to us, it appears that this use that more closely resembles an office that would be open to a fire-rated corridor. The California Building Code does not provide a definition of a reception room. However, Webster's Dictionary defines "receptionist" as one employed to greet callers. No other function would be allowed.