



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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| Topic | Concealed spaces | | |
| Code Section(s) | NFPA 13 1999ed. Section 5-13.1.1 Exception 8 | | |
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If an area is constructed of noncombustible materials, can three wired jacketed “romex” type wires or other materials be allowed in those concealed noncombustible areas and still be considered a noncombustible space meeting the flame and smoke spread rating?

CEC 2004 Article 334.10 does not permit the use of nonmetallic sheath cable, types NM, NMC, NMS (romex) in Type I & II non-combustible construction.