



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Attaching Screen Doors on Condominium Complex Corridor Doors		
Code Section(s)	CBC Sec. 1004.3.4.3.2.1		
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California Building Code Section 1004.3.4.3.2.1 was cited by an architect, who allegedly received it from a Fire Department, to require that metal security screen doors be removed from the doors of homes in a condominium complex.

I was told that the reason that the screen doors were illegal was because it would encourage some homeowners to prop open the inner door which, some people do, who do not have screen doors. It seems that if propping open the door is illegal, it would be so with or without a screen door.

This code section contains no language that prohibits the use of screen doors for security purposes or for any other purpose.

Is a security screen door allowed to be installed on a door sill in a rated corridor of a residential condominium complex?

The addition of a screen door to a rated door/frame assembly would invalidate the listing of that assembly as required by 2001 CBC Section 1004.3.4.3.2.1 and Section 713.2. The interior condominium corridor door is required to be maintained self-closing or automatic closing upon actuation of a smoke detector.