



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Elevator Lobbies in High Rise Buildings		
Code Section(s)	2007 California Building Code Section 403.9, 711.4, 707.14.1		
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In high-rise buildings, is it the intent of Section 403.9 of the 2007 CBC allow Exceptions 3, 5, 6, or 7 to be used in lieu of the elevator lobby enclosure required to be constructed as a 1-hour fire partition with openings protected as required for corridors?

No. It is the intent of Section 403.9 of the 2007 CBC to require 1-hour elevator lobby enclosures in all high-rise buildings. However, this is not intended to prohibit the use of exceptions 3, 5, 6, and 7 as an alternate means of protection in accordance with Section 111.2.4.