



## California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Definition of Common Use as it pertains to CBC 907.5.2.3.1		
Code Section(s)	2016 CBC §907.5.2.3.1		
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**Question 1:**

It is understood that proper audibility is required in all private offices.

Is it required to have a visual notification device in a private office with a guest chair as well?

**NO**

The definition in chapter two is specific for Housing and Community Development and was not intended to be used for Chapter 9. The next errata publishing will show in the chapter two matrix that this definition is not adopted by The Office of the State Fire Marshal.

*COMMON USE AREAS. [HCD 1-AC] Private use areas within multifamily residential facilities where the use of these areas is limited exclusively to owners, residents and their guests. The areas may be defined as rooms or spaces or elements inside or outside of a building.*