

*In California, the only reason that Interior Designers are allowed to perform code impacting work is because of an exemption in the Architecture law.*

Interior designers are lumped with the general public because we are not called out as having rights under California state law. Although there is a title available in California, Certified Interior Designer or CID, that title does not separate us from the general public with regard to providing services or our scope of work.

*Following* are examples of the typical *activities* that the architect's board believes should not be performed by the **general public**. The public's ability to perform even these things could be eliminated *by the board* at any time with out passing a new bill.

- Any project that includes altering suspended or drop ceilings
- Any project that includes new or relocated full height walls
- Plan review is illegal, an architect must prepare the drawings and the contract must be with the client directly
- Any kitchen *or bath* remodel drawing submissions should be performed by a licensed individual because of the energy calculation required *in all kitchens and baths*.
- Any remodel that has the need for relocating an exit door, or a single sprinkler head
- Any project requiring the relocation of a light fixture in a suspended ceiling

Some of the above can be performed by owner-builder *even though Interior designers and the general public cannot*. The day-to-day management of the limitations of the architectural exemption are managed by the individual building depts.

CID title does not have the same power as owner builder because they can move walls

Interior designers need to be able to do their scope of work but many times we cant perform the work that we think we should be able to do