

## **DINING, BANQUET AND BAR FACILITIES**

**General** - All dining areas, including raised or sunken dining areas, loggias, outdoor seating areas, and all areas where each type of functional activity occurs, shall be accessible. **1104B.5.1, 1104B.5.3** 5.1, 5.4

**EXCEPTIONS:** 1. *In existing buildings, when the enforcing agency determines that compliance with any regulation under this section would create an unreasonable hardship, an exception shall be granted when equivalent facilitation is provided.*

2. *In existing buildings, these regulations shall not apply when legal or physical constraints would not allow compliance with these regulations or equivalent facilitation without creating an unreasonable hardship. See Section 109.1.5.* **1104B.5.1**

### **Floors and Levels Exception**

California Building Code Section 1120B contains a specific exception regarding floor levels in dining, banquet and bar facilities. This section states, in pertinent part:

**1120B.1 Floors within each story.** *In buildings and facilities, floors of a given story are a common level throughout, or are connected by pedestrian ramps, passenger elevators or platform (wheelchair) lifts.*

**EXCEPTION 2.** *In existing dining, banquet and bar facilities, when the enforcing agency determines that compliance with this section would create an unreasonable hardship, an exception shall be granted provided that a minimum of 75 percent (75%) of the dining, banquet and bar area shall be a common level throughout or shall be connected by pedestrian ramps, passenger elevators or special lifts, and provided that the same services and décor are provided in an accessible space usable by the general public and are not restricted to use by people with disabilities. See Section 109.1.5.* **1120B.1**

### **Raised or Sunken Areas**

Raised or sunken areas, including dining areas, loggias and outdoor seating areas shall be accessible. A raised platform where a head table or speaker's lectern is located shall be accessible. Open edges of raised or sunken areas shall be protected as required by CBC Sections 1013 "Guards", 1133B.8.1 "Warning Curbs", or by other means as required by this code. For existing buildings, see CBC Section 1120B, "Floors and Levels". **1104B.5.3** 5.7

**NOTE:** CBC Section 1133B.8.1 requires abrupt changes in level exceeding 4" in height to be identified by curbs projecting at least 6" in height above the walk surface to warn the blind of a potential drop off.

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. In buildings and facilities, floors of a given story are a common level throughout, or are connectedly pedestrian ramps, passenger elevators or wheelchair (platform) lifts. **1120B.1**
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. Access to facilities is provided at entrances and exits as required. (See Checklist Section 23, "ENTRANCES & EXTERIOR GROUND FLOOR EXITS") **1104B.5.2**