

Regarding the Amendment of the 2013 California Building Code of Regulations,  
Title 24, Part 2, Chapter 11A, Housing Accessibility,

Section 1133A.4.1 Repositionable countertops.

The requirement for 5% of covered multifamily dwelling units to have repositionable countertops sounds like it belongs in Chapter 11B. This appears to be the only section in 11A where a proportion of units are to be singled out for handicapped “accessibility” rather than conforming to an “adaptability” requirement for 100% of covered multifamily dwelling units.

- What are the distribution requirements for these 5% of units?
- Can they all be the same type of unit (such a studios) in a project of mixed types?
- Do they have to be distributed throughout the project to afford different views or can they all be on the lowest floor?
- Are they to be reserved for only those with disabilities corresponding to the need for repositionable countertops (wheelchair bound persons or dwarfs) or can anyone buy or rent them?
- Are these same 5% of units to have any other fully accessible features such as grab bars installed in bathrooms?

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