

ICC Tri-Chapter of Northern California Bay Area

Electrical Code Interpretation

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The purpose of the Tri-Chapter Uniform Codes Adoption and Interpretation Program (TCUCAIP) is to recommend code amendments and to develop policies/guidelines that promote uniform enforcement of building codes within the San Francisco Bay Area region. TCUCAIP policies and guidelines are advisory and implementation/enforcement of them is determined by each jurisdiction.

Policy on Abandoned Cables

The 2004 California Electrical Code (CEC) effective August 1, 2005, requires the removal of abandoned cables covered under Articles 640 (Audio Signal Processing), 645 (Information Technology Equipment), 725 (Class 1, 2 and 3 Remote-Control, Signaling and Power Limited Circuits), 760 (Fire Alarm Systems), 770 (Optical Fiber Cables), 800 (Communications Circuits), 820 (Community Antenna Distribution Systems) and 830 (Network-Powered Communications Systems). Enforcement of these requirements shall be as follows:

- These requirements shall apply to the area covered by a Building or Electrical permit for an interior alteration, except in one- or two-family dwellings
- All cables regulated by these Articles terminating in the area covered by the permit that are not currently in use or identified “for future use” shall be removed wherever they are accessible, or become accessible in the course of construction.
- All cables passing through or terminated in the space covered by the permit shall be supported according to the requirements of the applicable CEC Articles.
- All penetrations in rated walls, floors, and/or ceilings in the area of permitted work shall be repaired using approved methods.
- No permit shall be required for the removal of cables regulated by these articles, except in hazardous (classified) locations.