



**INTERIOR
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COALITION OF
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Take Steps to Protect Your Profession

Just how secure are all aspects of interior design? Recently, there was an article about interior design being number four on the list of the “8 Most Secure Jobs for 2010” according to Michelle Goodman for Payscale.com on December 29, 2009. However, let’s take a look at some of the challenges that were faced in the last year:

- The California Architects Board looked at revoking the exemption in the architect’s practice act that allows interior designers to present plans to the city Building Departments for approval. Fortunately they decided not to.....yet.
- The State Contractor’s Board tried to tighten their practice act to say that you must be a licensed contractor to schedule services. This would include painters, wallpaper installers, drapery installers, etc.
- Many building Departments, such as South Lake Tahoe, have decided to no longer accept plans from interior designers without paying to have an architect review and approve.

There are solutions and one of them is to have a scope of work that interior designers can work under without threat of others taking it away, and that is with a practice act. Interior design registration is licensing that provides the opportunity for everyone to work to the full extent of their training, and it is voluntary.

The Interior Design Coalition of California (IDCC) supports the further development of the profession with its goal of a practice act for interior designers in California.

Benefits of membership in IDCC:

- Up to date information on what is happening in California legislation that could impact the profession.
- As a member you will contribute to a strong representation of the face and voice of interior designers to our State Senators and Assembly Members.
- Be part of an organization that is looking out for you and your future.

Take advantage of this opportunity to contribute to your profession by participating in IDCC. It takes just a few minutes to become a member or renew your membership. Go to www.idc-ca.org and click on the membership tab, fill out the membership form and pay on line. With your membership we will make sure you are informed and your voice is heard.

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