**Informal Interpretation Report**
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## Question:

With respect to Informal Interpretation Report #7853 regarding occupancy classification of a waiting room, would the occupant load (taking into consideration Table 1004.5, Function of Space) then be 1/150 (business), or should it be 1/15 (Assembly, unconcentrated tables and chairs)?

## Answer

If the waiting area has fixed seating or non-fixed seating, there may different answers

## Commentary:

None.

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