



***Clearances to Combustibles at Masonry Fireplaces***

From California Building Code SECTION 2111 MASONRY FIREPLACES  
2111.11 Fireplace clearance.

**Exception 4:**

Exposed combustible mantels or trim is permitted to be placed directly on the masonry fireplace front surrounding the fireplace opening, provided such combustible materials shall not be placed within 6 inches of a fireplace opening. Combustible material directly above and within 12 inches of the fireplace opening shall not project more than 1/8 inch for each 1-inch distance from such opening. Combustible materials located along the sides of the fireplace opening that project more than 1 1/2 inches from the face of the fireplace shall have an additional clearance equal to the projection.

