

**INTERPRETATION IC 62.1-2016-1 OF
ANSI/ASHRAE STANDARD 62.1-2016
VENTILATION FOR ACCEPTABLE INDOOR AIR QUALITY**

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Reference: This request for interpretation refers to the requirements presented in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2016, regarding the definition of Kitchenette and Break Room.

Background: Where can we find ASHRAE's definition of a Kitchenette and Break Room? Under ASHRAE 62.1-2016 Break Rooms and Coffee Stations fall under Table 6.2.2.1 and are considered Class 1 spaces, compared to Kitchenettes that fall under Table 6.5 and are considered Class 2, requiring exhaust.

Has the difference between a Kitchenette and Break Room been the topic of and published in any previous ASHRAE Journals? In the absence of any other clarification, it is assumed that to be classified as a Kitchenette, the space must be used for food preparation/light cooking which includes the production of steam and odors, generated primarily through the use of a residential style stove and/or oven; i.e., if a stove and/or oven is present, the space is considered a Kitchenette. Microwaves and refrigerators can be located in break rooms.

Interpretation: To be defined as a Kitchenette the space must include a stove and/or oven. Break rooms can include microwaves and refrigerators.

Question: Is this interpretation correct?

Answer: Yes.