



**Figure 804.2.2**  
**U-Shaped Kitchens**

**804.3 Kitchen Work Surface.** In residential dwelling units required to comply with 809, at least one 30 inches (760 mm) wide minimum section of counter shall provide a kitchen work surface that complies with 804.3.

**804.3.1 Clear Floor or Ground Space.** A clear floor *space* complying with 305 positioned for a forward approach shall be provided. The clear floor or ground *space* shall be centered on the kitchen work surface and shall provide knee and toe clearance complying with 306.

**EXCEPTION:** Cabinetry shall be permitted under the kitchen work surface provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) the cabinetry can be removed without removal or replacement of the kitchen work surface;
- (b) the finish floor extends under the cabinetry; and
- (c) the walls behind and surrounding the cabinetry are finished.

**804.3.2 Height.** The kitchen work surface shall be 34 inches (865 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground.

**EXCEPTION:** A counter that is adjustable to provide a kitchen work surface at variable heights, 29 inches (735 mm) minimum and 36 inches (915 mm) maximum, shall be permitted.

**804.3.3 Exposed Surfaces.** There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under the work surface counters.