



Occupancy Classification - definitions

1. **Assembly – Assembly Occupancy.** An occupancy (1) used for a gathering of 50 or more persons for deliberation, worship, entertainment, eating, drinking, amusement, awaiting transportation, or similar uses: or (2) used as a special amusement building, regardless of occupant load.

Assembly Occupancy might include the following:

- a. Armories
- b. Assembly halls
- c. Auditoriums
- d. Bowling Lanes
- e. Club rooms
- f. College and university classrooms, 50 persons and over
- g. Conference rooms
- h. Courtrooms
- i. Dance halls
- j. Drinking establishments
- k. Exhibition halls
- l. Gymnasiums
- m. Libraries
- n. Mortuary chapels
- o. Motion picture theaters
- p. Museums
- q. Passenger stations and terminals of air, surface, underground, and marine public transportation facilities
- r. Places of religious worship
- s. Pool rooms
- t. Recreation piers
- u. Restaurants
- v. Skating rinks
- w. Special amusement buildings regardless of occupant load
- x. Theaters.

* Restaurants and drinking establishments with an occupant load of fewer than 50 persons should be classified as mercantile occupancies.

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2. **Business – Business Occupancy.** An occupancy used for account and record keeping or the transaction of business other than mercantile.

Business Occupancy includes the following:

- a. Air traffic control towers (ATCTs)
 - b. City halls
 - c. College and university instructional building, class-rooms under 50 persons, and instructional laboratories
 - d. Courthouses
 - e. Dentists' office
 - f. Doctors' office
 - g. General offices
 - h. outpatient clinics, ambulatory
 - i. Town halls
3. **Day-Care Occupancy** An occupancy in which four or more clients receive care, maintenance, and supervision, by other than their relatives or legal guardians, for less than 24 hours per day.

Day-Care Occupancy include the following

- a. Adult day-care occupancies, except where part of a health care occupancies.
 - b. Child day-care occupancies.
 - c. Day-care homes
 - d. Kindergarten classes that are incidental to a child day-care occupancy.
 - e. Nursery schools.
4. **Detention and Correctional Occupancy** An occupancy used to house four or more persons under varied degrees of restraint or security where such occupants are mostly incapable of self-preservation because of security measures not under the occupants' control.

Detention and Correctional Occupancy include the following:

- a. Adult and juvenile substance abuse centers
- b. Adult and juvenile work camps
- c. Adult community residential centers
- d. Adult correctional institutions
- e. Adult local detention facilities
- f. Juvenile community residential centers
- g. Juvenile detention facilities
- h. Juvenile training schools

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5. **Educational Occupancy.** An occupancy used for educational purposes through the twelfth grade by six or more persons for four or more hours per day or more than 12 hours per week.

Educational Occupancy might include the following

- a. Academies
- b. Kindergartens
- c. Schools

* An educational occupancy is distinguished from an assembly occupancy in that the same occupants are regularly present.

6. **Health Care Occupancy.** An occupancy used for purposes of medical or other treatment or care of four or more persons where such occupants are mostly incapable of self-preservation due to age, physical or mental disability, or because of security measures not under the occupants' control.

Health Care Occupancy might include the following:

- a. Ambulatory health care facilities
- b. Hospitals
- c. Limited care facilities
- d. Nursing homes

7. **Industrial Occupancy.** An occupancy in which products are manufactured or in which processing, assembling, mixing, packaging, finishing, decorating, or repair operations are conducted.

Industrial Occupancy might include the following:

- a. Dry cleaning plants
- b. Factories of all kinds
- c. Food processing plants
- d. Gas plants
- e. Hangars (for servicing/maintenance)
- f. Laundries
- g. Power plants
- h. Pumping stations
- i. Refineries
- j. Sawmills
- k. Telephone exchanges

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8. **Mercantile Occupancy**. An occupancy used for the display and sale of merchandise.

Mercantile Occupancy might include following:

- a. Auction rooms
- b. Department stores
- c. Drugstores
- d. Restaurants with fewer than 50 persons
- e. Shopping centers
- f. Supermarkets

* Office, storage, and service facilities incidental to the sale of merchandise and located in the same building should be considered part of the mercantile occupancy classification.

9. **Mixed Occupancy**. An occupancy in which two or more classes of occupancy exist in the same building or structure and where such classes are intermingled so that separate safeguards are impracticable.

10. **Storage Occupancy**. An occupancy used primarily for the storage or sheltering of goods, merchandise, products, vehicles, or animals.

Storage Occupancy might include the following:

- a. Barns
- b. Bulk oil storage
- c. Cold storage
- d. Freight terminals
- e. Grain elevators
- f. Hangars (for storage only)
- g. Parking structures
- h. Stables
- i. Truck and marine terminals
- j. Warehouses

* Storage occupancies are characterized by the presence of relatively small numbers of person in proportion to the area.

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