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OCCUPANCY GROUPS

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- A-1 A building or portion of a building having an assembly room with an occupant load of 1,000 or more and a legitimate stage.
- A-2 A building or portion of a building having an assembly room with an occupant load of less than 1,000 and a legitimate stage.
- A-2.1 A building or portion of a building having an assembly room with an occupant load of 300 or more without a legitimate stage, including such buildings used for educational purposes and not classed as a Group E or Group B Occupancies.
- A-3 A building or portion of a building having an assembly room with an occupant load of less than 300 without a legitimate stage, including such buildings used for educational purposes and not classed as a Group E or Group B Occupancies.
- A-4 Stadiums, reviewing stands and amusement park structures not included within other Group A Occupancies.
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- B A building or structure, or a portion thereof, used for office, professional or service-type transactions, which are not classified as Group H occupancies. Such occupancies include storage of records and accounts, and eating and drinking establishments with an occupant load of less than 50. Business occupancies, such as, banks, medical offices, carwashes, etc.
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- E-1 Any building used for educational purposes through the 12th grade by 50 or more persons for more than 12 hours per week or four hours in any one day.
- E-2 Any building used for educational purposes through the 12th grade by less than 50 persons for more than 12 hours per week or four hours in any one day.
- EXCEPTION: A residence used as a home school for the children who normally reside at the residence. Such residences shall remain classified as R-1 or R-3 Occupancies.
- E-3 Any nonresidential building or portion thereof used for day-care purposes for more than 6 children/persons. Any residential building used for day-care purposes for more than 14 persons.
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- F-1 Moderate-hazard factory and industrial occupancies, including factory and industrial uses not classified as F-2 Occupancies.

- F-2 Low-hazard factory and industrial occupancies, including facilities producing noncombustible or nonexplosive materials which during finishing, packing or processing, do not involve a significant fire hazard.
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- H-1 Occupancies with a quantity of material in the building in excess of those listed in Table 3-D which present a high explosion hazard.
- H-2 Occupancies where combustible dust is manufactured, used or generated in such a manner that concentrations and conditions create a fire or explosion potential; occupancies with a quantity of material in the building in excess of those listed in Table 3-D, which present a moderate explosion hazard or a hazard from accelerated burning.
- H-3 Occupancies where flammable solids, other than combustible dust, are manufactured, used or generated, including uses in which the quantity of material in the building in excess of those listed in Table 3-D and presents a high physical hazard.
- H-4 Repair garages not classified as S-3 Occupancies.
- H-5 Aircraft repair hangars not classified as S-5 Occupancies and heliports.
- H-6 Semiconductor fabrication facilities and comparable research and development areas in which hazardous production materials are used, and the aggregate quantity of materials are in excess of those listed in Table 3-D or 3-E.
- H-7 Occupancies having quantities of materials in excess of those listed in Table 3-E that are health hazards.
- H-8 Laboratories and similar areas used for scientific experimentation or research having quantities of materials not in excess of those listed in Tables 3-D.1 and 3-I and not otherwise classified as Group B Occupancies. Such laboratories may be classified as Group B Occupancies when the quantities of materials are not in excess of those listed in Tables 3-D and 3-E. Laboratories having quantities of materials in excess of those listed in Table 3-E and which are located below the fourth story may be classified as H-7 Occupancy.
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- I-1.1 Nurseries for the full-time care of children under the age of six (each accommodating more than five children).
- Hospitals, sanitariums, nursing homes with nonambulatory patients where medical care is provided, or homes with nonambulatory guests where medical care is provided, and similar buildings (each accommodating more than five patients).
- I-1.2 Health-care centers for ambulatory patients receiving outpatient medical care that may render the patient incapable of unassisted self-preservation (each tenant space accommodating more than five such patients).

- I-2 Nursing homes for ambulatory patients, where medical care is provided, homes for ambulatory children six years of age or over where medical care is provided, or homes with ambulatory guests where medical care is provided, and similar buildings and honor farms and conservation camps housing inmates who are not restrained (each accommodating more than five patients or children).
- I-3 Mental hospitals, mental sanitariums, jails, prisons, reformatories and buildings where personal liberties of inmates are similarly restrained.
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- M A building or structure, or a portion thereof, used for the display and sale of merchandise, and involving stocks of goods, wares or merchandise, incidental to such purposes and accessible to the public. Mercantile occupancies, such as, department stores, markets, wholesale and retail stores...etc.
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- R-1 Hotels, motels and apartment houses, congregate residences (each accommodating more than 10 persons).
- R-2.1 Residentially-based, licensed facilities accommodating more than six nonambulatory clients. This division may include ambulatory clients.
- R-2.1.1 Residentially-based, licensed facilities accommodating six or less nonambulatory clients. This division may include ambulatory clients.
- R-2.2 Residentially-based, licensed facilities accommodating more than six ambulatory clients. This division may include up to six nonambulatory clients.
- R-2.2.1 Residentially-based, licensed facilities accommodating six or less ambulatory clients. This division may include a maximum of two nonambulatory clients.
- R-2.3 Residentially-based, licensed facilities providing hospice care throughout accommodating more than six bedridden clients.
- R-2.3.1 Residentially-based facilities providing hospice care throughout accommodating six or less bedridden clients.
- R-3 Dwellings, including lodging houses; and congregate residences (each accommodating 10 or fewer persons) and large family day-care homes.
- R-6.1 Residential Group Care Facilities which provide care and/or supervisory services for more than six nonambulatory residents.
Residential Group Care Facilities are limited to halfway houses such as community correctional centers, community correction reentry centers, community treatment programs, work furlough programs, and alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, which provide care and/or supervisory services. Restraint shall not be practiced in these facilities.

- R-6.2 Residential Group Care Facilities which provide care and/or supervisory services for more than six ambulatory residents.
 - R-6.1.1 Residential Group Care Facilities which provide care and/or supervisory services for six or less nonambulatory residents.
 - R-6.2.1 Residential Group Care Facilities which provide care and/or supervisory services for six or less ambulatory residents.
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- S-1 Moderate hazard storage occupancies including buildings or portions of buildings used for storage of combustible materials not classified as S-2 or Group H Occupancies
 - S-2 Low-hazard storage occupancies, including buildings or portions of buildings used for storage of noncombustible materials.
 - S-3 Repair garages where work is limited to exchange of parts and maintenance requiring no open flame or welding, motor vehicle fuel dispensing stations, and parking garages not classified as S-4 Occupancies or Group U private garages.
 - S-4 Open parking garages.
 - S-5 Aircraft hangars where work is limited to exchange of parts and maintenance requiring no open flame and welding, and helistops.
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- U-1 Private garages, carports, sheds and agricultural buildings.
 - U-2 Fences over 6 feet (1829 mm) high, tanks and towers.