

HOW TO DETERMINE BUILDING OCCUPANCY?



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The provisions of this chapter shall control the classification of all buildings and structures as to occupancy and use. Different classifications of occupancy and use represent different hazards and risks to building occupants generally associated with the intended purpose of the building or structure. An area, room or space that is intended to be occupied for multiple purposes shall be classified in the occupancy it most nearly resembles based on the fire safety and relative hazard. Occupied rooms shall be classified in the group that the occupancy most nearly resembles with Section 503.1.4.

SECTION 302 OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION AND USE DESIGNATION

302.1 Occupancy classification.

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- 1. Assembly (see Section 303) Groups A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4 and A-5
- 2. Business (see Section 304) Group B
- 3. Educational (see Section 305) Group E
- 4. Factory and Industrial (see Section 306) Groups F-1 and F-2
- 5. High Hazard (see Section 307) Groups H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4 and H-5
- 6. Institutional (see Section 308) Groups I-1, I-2, I-3 and I-4
- 7. Mercantile (see Section 309) Group M
- 8. Residential (see Section 310) Groups R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4
- 9. Storage (see Section 311) Groups S-1 and S-2
- 10. Utility and Miscellaneous (see Section 312) Group U

302.2 Use designation.

Occupancy groups contain subordinate uses having similar hazards and risks to building occupants. Uses include, but are not limited to, those functional designations listed in Table 302.2. Occupancy groups shall be classified in the group that the occupancy most nearly resembles with Section 503.1.4.

SECTION 303 ASSEMBLY GROUP A

303.1 Assembly Group A.

Assembly Group A occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for the gathering of persons for purposes such as civic, social, religious, or entertainment purposes.



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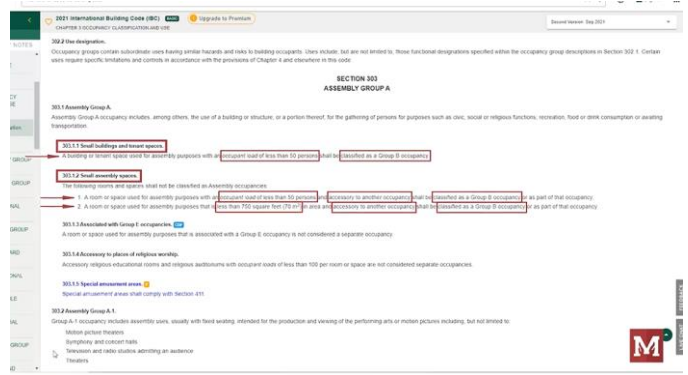


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THE USE OF A SPACE IS A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SPACE IS INTENDED TO BE USED:

- RESTAURANT
- LIBRARY
- BANK
- LABORATORY
- NURSING HOME



HOW DO YOU DETERMINE BUILDING OCCUPANCY?

- 1 DETERMINE INTENDED PURPOSE OF BUILDING/PORION OF BUILDING
- 2 COMPARE PURPOSE TO DESIGNATIONS IN IBC CHAPTER 3
- 3 CLASSIFY BASED ON 1 OF 10 DIFFERENT OCCUPANCY CATEGORIES



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