

## Building Code Occupancy Classifications

### 2008 Code Occupancy Classifications

2008 Class	Short Description	1968 Equivalent
A-1	<b>Assembly (Theaters, Concert Halls):</b> With fixed seating, intended for production and viewing of the performing arts or motion pictures.	F-1a
A-2	<b>Assembly (Eating and Drinking – Cabaret):</b> Where persons assemble for the consumption of food or drink in any room, place, or space in which any musical entertainment, singing, dancing or other similar amusement is permitted.	F-4
	<b>Assembly (Eating and Drinking – Not a Cabaret):</b> Where persons assemble for the consumption of food or drink in any room, place, or space in which any musical entertainment, singing, dancing or other similar amusement is <b>not</b> permitted.	
A-3	<b>Assembly (Other):</b> Worship, recreation, or amusement (physically active), and other assembly uses not classified elsewhere in Group A.	F-3, F-1b, F-4
A-4	<b>Assembly (Indoor Sporting Events with Spectators):</b> Indoor sporting events with spectator seating.	F-1b
A-5	<b>Assembly (Outdoors):</b> Participation in or viewing outdoor activities.	F-2
B	<b>Business:</b> Occupied for transacting business; for rendering professional services; or for performing other commercial services that may incidentally involve the storage of limited quantities of stocks of goods for office use or purposes.	E
E	<b>Educational:</b> When persons occupy them for instruction or other educational purposes.	G
F-1	<b>Factory and Industrial (Moderate Hazard):</b> Used for fabricating, assembling, manufacturing, or processing products, materials, or energy and representing a moderate hazard due to the extent and nature of such operations, or to the materials involved.	D-1
F-2	<b>Factory and Industrial (Low Hazard):</b> Used for fabricating, assembling, manufacturing, or processing products, materials, or energy and representing a low hazard due to the extent and nature of such operations, or to the materials involved.	D-2

<b>H-1</b>	<b>High Hazard (Explosive Detonation):</b> Used for storing, manufacturing, or processing materials or energy that present a detonation hazard.	<b>A</b>
<b>H-2</b>	<b>High Hazard (Accelerated Burning):</b> Used for storing, manufacturing, or processing materials or energy where uses present a deflagration hazard or a hazard from accelerated burning.	<b>A</b>
<b>H-3</b>	<b>High Hazard (Readily Supports Combustion):</b> Used for storing, manufacturing, or processing materials or energy that readily support combustion or present a physical hazard.	<b>A</b>
<b>H-4</b>	<b>High Hazard (Health):</b> Used for storing, manufacturing, or processing materials or energy that are health hazards.	<b>None.</b>
<b>H-5</b>	<b>High Hazard (Semiconductors):</b> Used for storing, manufacturing, or processing semiconductor fabrication facilities using hazardous production materials (HPM) in excess of the permitted aggregate quantity.	<b>D-1</b>
<b>I-1</b>	<b>Institutional (Assisted Living):</b> Housing persons, on a 24-hour basis, capable of self-preservation and responding to an emergency situation without physical assistance from staff.	<b>J-2</b>
<b>I-2</b>	<b>Institutional (Incapacitated):</b> Medical, surgical, nursing or custodial care, on a 24-hour basis, of more than 3 persons, who are not capable of self-preservation or responding to an emergency situation without physical assistance from staff.	<b>H-2</b>
<b>I-3</b>	<b>Institutional (Restrained):</b> More than 5 persons who are detained under restraint or security reason.	<b>H-1</b>
<b>I-4</b>	<b>Institutional (Daytime Custodial Care):</b> Day care facilities, occupied by persons of any age who receive custodial care (without overnight) by individuals other than parents, guardians, or relatives in a place other than at the home.	<b>H-2</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>Mercantile:</b> Used for display and sales of goods accessible to public inspection.	<b>C</b>
<b>R-1</b>	<b>Residential (Hotels, Dormitories, Congregate Living):</b> Occupied transiently (for less than one month).	<b>J-1</b>
<b>R-2</b>	<b>Residential (Apartment Houses):</b> More than 2 dwelling units on a long term basis (for a month or more).	<b>J-2</b>
<b>R-3</b>	<b>Residential (1 and 2 Family Houses):</b> Not more than 2 apartments on a long term basis (for a month or more).	<b>J-3</b>
<b>S-1</b>	<b>Storage (Moderate Hazard):</b> Moderate-hazard storage occupancy for any flammable or combustible materials.	<b>B-1</b>

<b>S-2</b>	<b>Storage (Low Hazard):</b> Low-hazard storage occupancy for non-combustible materials.	<b>B-2</b>
<b>U</b>	<b>Utility and Miscellaneous:</b> Structures of an accessory character, or not classified in any specific occupancy.	<b>K</b>

## 1968 Code Occupancy Classifications

<b>Class</b>	<b>Short Description</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>High Hazard:</b> Used for storing, manufacturing, or processing potentially explosive products or materials, or highly combustible or highly flammable products or materials that is likely to burn with extreme rapidity.
<b>B-1</b>	<b>Storage (Moderate Hazard):</b> Used primarily for storing any flammable or combustible materials that is likely to permit the development and propagation of fire with moderate rapidity.
<b>B-2</b>	<b>Storage (Low Hazard):</b> Used for storing noncombustible materials and materials that do not ordinarily burn rapidly.
<b>C</b>	<b>Mercantile:</b> Used for display and sales of goods accessible to public inspection.
<b>D-1</b>	<b>Industrials (Moderate Hazard):</b> Used for fabricating, assembling, manufacturing, or processing products, materials, or energy and representing a moderate hazard due to the extent and nature of such operations, or to the materials involved.
<b>D-2</b>	<b>Industrials (Low Hazard):</b> Used for fabricating, assembling, manufacturing, or processing products, materials, or energy and representing a low hazard due to the extent and nature of such operations, or to the materials involved.
<b>E</b>	<b>Business:</b> Occupied for transacting business; for rendering professional services; or for performing other commercial services that may incidentally involve the storage of limited quantities of stocks of goods for office use or purposes.
<b>F-1a</b>	<b>Assembly (Theaters):</b> Buildings in which the persons assembled comprise a seated or otherwise passive audience to a performance or presentation, and have their attention focused in a common direction or at a common subject, and in which scenery and scenic elements are used.
<b>F-1b</b>	<b>Assembly (Churches, Concert Halls):</b> Buildings in which the persons assembled comprise a seated or otherwise passive audience to a performance or presentation, and have their attention focused in a common direction or at a common subject, and in which scenery and scenic elements are <i>not</i> used.
<b>F-2</b>	<b>Assembly (Outdoors):</b> Includes all outdoor structures and spaces.

<b>F-3</b>	<b>Assembly (Museums):</b> Where the persons assembled are physically active and do not have a common center of attention.
<b>F-4</b>	<b>Assembly (Eating and Drinking – Cabaret):</b> Any room, place, or space in which any musical entertainment, singing, dancing or other similar amusement is permitted.
	<b>Assembly (Eating and Drinking – Not a Cabaret):</b> Where persons assemble for the consumption of food or drink.
<b>G</b>	<b>Education:</b> Where persons occupy them for instruction or other educational purposes.
<b>H-1</b>	<b>Institutional (Restrained):</b> Used for the detention of persons under restraint.
<b>H-2</b>	<b>Institutional (Incapacitated):</b> Used for the care or treatment of persons with physical limitations because of health or age.
<b>J-1</b>	<b>Residential (Hotels):</b> Primarily occupied for the shelter and sleeping accommodation of individuals on a day-to-day or week-to-week basis (e.g. hotels, motels, lodging houses, rooming houses).
<b>J-2</b>	<b>Residential (Apartment Houses):</b> Having three or more dwelling units that are primarily occupied for the shelter and sleeping accommodation of individuals on a month-to-month or longer-term basis (e.g. apartment houses, apartment hotels, rooming houses).
	<b>Three Family Dwelling</b>
<b>J-3</b>	<b>Residential (1 &amp; 2 Family House);</b> Occupied as one-family or two-family dwellings, or as convents or rectories.
<b>K</b>	<b>Miscellaneous:</b> Having a temporary character, and minor occupancies not classified in any other specific occupancy group (e.g. sheds, fences, signs).
<b>PUB</b>	<b>Old Code – Public Buildings:</b> Only applicable to buildings built before 1968. Structures in which persons congregate for civic, political, educational, religious, or recreational purposes, or in which are harbored to receive medical treatment, or are detained by reason of public duty.
<b>RES</b>	<b>Old Code – Residence Buildings:</b> Only applicable to buildings built before 1968. Structures in which sleeping accommodations are provided, except such as may for other reasons be classed as public buildings.
<b>COM</b>	<b>Old Code – Commercial Buildings:</b> Only applicable to buildings built before 1968. Structures which are not public buildings or residence buildings, including among others, office buildings, salesrooms (stores), markets, warehouses, and restaurants.