



OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATIONS

The International Building Code (IBC) defines occupancy classifications as the formal designation of the primary purpose of the building, structure or portion thereof. There are a total of ten occupancy classifications, each with their own subgroups. The following is an abbreviated list of common uses per occupancy type that has been compiled to assist businesses with the completion of their application for a Certificate of Occupancy for New Business. For a complete list and explanation of uses, please refer to the IBC, Chapter 3.

Assembly

- Place of Worship
- Restaurant
- Special Event Facility
- Movie Theater
- Art Gallery
- Bowling Alley
- Funeral Home
- Library
- Museum
- Pool/Billiard
- Gymnasium

Business

- Medical Office
- Bank
- Barber and Beauty Salon
- Dry Cleaning
- Commercial Kitchen
- Laboratory
- Office Use/Professional Services

Educational

- School
- Religious Educational Rooms
- Day Care Facility (more than 5 children older than 2 ½ years of age who receive educational, supervision, or personal care services for fewer than 24 hours per day).

Factory and Industrial

- Assembling, disassembling, fabricating, finishing, manufacturing, packaging, repair or processing operations.
- Auto Repair
- Upholstery
- Woodworking
- Alcohol Manufacturing
- Metal Fabrication



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High Hazard

- Buildings and structures containing explosive materials, flaming or combustible liquids, combustible dusts, flammable gases, oxidizers, corrosives, toxic materials, etc.

Institutional

- Alcohol/Drug Center
- Assisted Living Facility
- Hospital
- Nursing Home
- Adult Day Care
- Child Day Care (more than 5 persons of any age)

Mercantile

- Department Store
- Drug Store
- Convenience Store
- Grocery Store
- Retail or Wholesale Store

Residential

- Hotel
- Motel
- Extended Stay
- Live/Work

Storage

- Self-Storage Facility
- Building Material Storage
- Food/Beverage Storage

Utility and Miscellaneous

- Agricultural Buildings
- Private Garages
- Communications Equipment Structures
- Greenhouses