



ORANGEBURG DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Occupancy Classifications

Certain occupancies are defined as follows:

Assembly Group A-1. occupancy includes assembly uses, usually with fixed seating, intended for the production and viewing of performing arts or motion pictures including, but not limited to: motion picture theaters, symphony and concert halls, television and radio studios admitting an audience theaters.

Assembly Group A-2. occupancy includes assembly uses intended for food and/or drink consumption including, but not limited to: banquet halls, casinos (gaming areas), night clubs, restaurants, cafeterias and similar dining facilities (including associated commercial kitchens), taverns and bars.

Assembly Group A-3. occupancy includes assembly uses intended for worship, recreation or amusement and other assembly uses not classified elsewhere in Group A, including, but not limited to: arcades, art galleries, community halls, funeral parlors, gymnasiums (without spectator seating), libraries, churches.

Assembly Group A-4. occupancy includes assembly uses intended for viewing of indoor sporting events and activities with spectator seating including, but not limited to: arenas, skating rinks, swimming pools, tennis courts.

Assembly Group A-5. occupancy includes assembly uses intended for participation in or viewing outdoor activities including, but not limited to: amusement park structures, bleachers, grandstands, stadiums.

Business Group B. occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for office, professional or service-type transactions, including storage of records and accounts.

Educational Group E. occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, by six or more persons at any one time for educational purposes through the 12th grade.

Factory Industrial F-1. Moderate-hazard occupancy, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for assembling, disassembling, fabricating, finishing, manufacturing, packaging, repair or processing operations that are not classified as a Group H high-hazard or Group S storage occupancy.

Factory Industrial F-2. Low-hazard occupancy, factory industrial uses involving the fabrication or manufacturing of noncombustible materials that, during finishing, packaging or processing do not involve a significant fire hazard, shall be classified as Group F-2 occupancies.

High-hazard Group H-1. Buildings and structures containing materials that pose a detonation hazard.

High-hazard Group H-2. Buildings and structures containing materials that pose a deflagration hazard or a hazard from accelerated burning



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High-hazard Group H-3. Buildings and structures containing materials that readily support combustion or that pose a physical hazard.

High-hazard Group H-4. Buildings and structures containing materials that are health hazards.

High-hazard Group H-5. Semiconductor fabrication facilities and comparable research and development areas.

Institutional Group I-1. Institutional Group I-1 occupancy shall include buildings, structures or portions thereof for more than 16 persons, excluding staff, who reside on a 24-hour basis in a supervised environment and receive custodial care.

Institutional Group I-2. Institutional Group I-2 occupancy shall include buildings and structures used for medical care on a 24-hour basis for more than five persons who are not capable of self-preservation.

Institutional Group I-3. Institutional Group I-3 occupancy shall include buildings and structures which are inhabited by more than five persons who are under restraint or security. A Group I-3 facility is occupied by persons who are generally incapable of self-preservation due to security measures not under the occupants' control.

Institutional Group I-4. Day care facilities. Institutional Group I-4 shall include buildings and structures occupied by more than five persons of any age who receive custodial care for less than 24 hours by persons other than parents or guardians, relatives by blood, marriage, or adoption, and in a place other than the home of the person cared for.

Mercantile Group M. Mercantile Group M occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure or a portion thereof, for the display and sale of merchandise, and involves stocks of goods, wares or merchandise incidental to such purposes and accessible to the public.

Residential Group R-1. Residential Group R-1 occupancies containing sleeping units where the occupants are primarily transient in nature.

Residential Group R-2. Residential Group R-2 occupancies containing sleeping units or more than two dwelling units where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature.

Residential Group R-3. Residential Group R-3 occupancies where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature such as 1 or 2 family dwellings, adult day care for five or fewer for less than 24 hours, child care for five or fewer children of any age for less than 24 hours, congregate living facilities with 16 or less persons.



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Residential Group R-4. Residential Group R-4 shall include buildings, structures or portions thereof for more than five but not more than 16 persons, excluding staff, who reside on a 24-hour basis in a supervised residential environment and receive custodial care.

S-1 Storage. Moderate Hazard; vehicle repair garages, aircraft repair hangers, tobacco, furniture storage, clothing, lumber, and self-service storage facilities.

S-2 Storage. Low-Hazard; parking garages, aircraft storage hangers, meats, metal storage, and electrical motors.

Group U. Miscellaneous; buildings and structures of an accessory character and miscellaneous structures not classified in any specific occupancy shall be constructed, equipped and maintained to conform to the requirements of this code commensurate with the fire and life hazard incidental to their occupancy. Examples include barns, carports, fences more than 6 feet high, grain silos, livestock shelters, sheds, stables, private garages.