

## **Use and Occupancy Classifications**

*General information only. Refer to Chapter 3 of the IBC for more specific details.*

### **Assembly Group**

- A-1** Theaters, concert halls
- A-2** Restaurants, taverns, bars, nightclubs
- A-3** Art galleries, bowling alleys, community halls, courtrooms, gymnasiums, libraries, museums, places of religious worship, pool halls, waiting areas in transportation terminals
- A-4** Indoor arenas, skating rinks, pools, tennis courts
- A-5** Outdoor stadiums, grandstands, bleachers

### **Business Group**

- B** Ambulatory care, banks, car wash, civic administration, outpatient clinic, data processing, food processing and commercial kitchens, laboratories, motor vehicle showrooms, post offices, professional services (architects, attorneys, physicians, etc.), radio and television stations, training and skill development (martial arts studio, tutoring center, etc.)

### **Educational Group**

- E** "The use of a building or structure ... by six or more persons at any one time for educational purposes through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade." *IBC 305.1*

### **Factory Group**

- F-1** Moderate-hazard factory industrial are uses that are not classified as F-2 Low-Hazard or Group H High-Hazard. This includes many types of assembling, fabricating, finishing, manufacturing, packaging, repair, and processing uses.
- F-2** Low-hazard factory industrial. Involve fabrication or manufacturing of noncombustible materials and does not involve a significant fire hazard. Includes beverage manufacturing (less than 16% alcohol), brick and masonry, ceramics, foundries, glass, gypsum, ice, and metal production.

### **High-Hazard Group**

- H** Refer to IBC Section 307 for definitions of H-1 through H-5 occupancies and their requirements.

## **Institutional Group**

- I-1** Facilities for alcohol and drug rehabilitation, assisted living, congregate care, group homes, halfway houses, residential board and care, social rehabilitation
- I-2** Foster care facilities, detoxification facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, psychiatric hospitals
- I-3** Correctional centers, detention centers, jails, prisons, reformatories
- I-4** Adult and child day care facilities

## **Mercantile Group**

- M** Department stores, drug stores, markets, gas stations, retail and wholesale stores, sales rooms

## **Residential Group**

- R-1** Transient in nature. Hotels, motels, and congregate living (transient) facilities with more than 10 occupants.
- R-2** Permanent occupancy. Apartment houses, congregate living facilities (non-transient) with more than 16 occupants, convents, dormitories, fraternities and sororities, hotels and motels (non-transient), live/work units, monasteries, vacation timeshare properties.
- R-3** Typical single-family houses and duplexes. Congregate living facilities with limited occupants, lodging houses with five or fewer guest rooms. Any 'R'
- R-4** Occupied by more than 5 but not more than 16 persons under supervision. Facilities for alcohol and drug rehabilitation, assisted living, congregate care, group homes, halfway houses, residential board and care, social rehabilitation

## **Storage Group**

- S-1** Moderate-hazard storage. Buildings occupied for storage and are not Group S-2.
- S-2** Low-hazard storage. Buildings used for the storage of noncombustible materials.

## **Utility and Miscellaneous Group**

- U** Agricultural buildings, barns, carports, fences more than 7 feet in height, private garages, retaining walls, sheds, stables, tanks, towers