



## California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 9 California Fire Code Occupancy Classifications

OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION. For the purposes of this code, certain occupancies are defined as follows:

**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 or religious functions; recreation, food or drink consumption; or awaiting transportation or Motion Picture and Television Production Studio Sound Stages, Approved Production Facilities and production locations.

**Exceptions:**

- 1. A building or tenant space used for assembly purposes with an occupant load of less than 50 persons shall be classified as a Group B occupancy.*
- 2. A room or space used for assembly purposes with an occupant load of less than 50 persons and accessory to another occupancy shall be classified as a Group B occupancy or as part of that occupancy.*
- 3. A room or space used for assembly purposes that is less than 750 square feet (70 m<sup>2</sup>) in area and accessory to another occupancy shall be classified as a Group B occupancy or as part of that occupancy.*
- 4. Assembly areas that are accessory to Group E occupancies are not considered separate occupancies except when applying the assembly occupancy requirements of Chapter 11 of the California Building Code.*
- 5. Accessory religious educational rooms and religious auditoriums with occupant loads of less than 100 are not considered separate occupancies.*

Assembly occupancies shall include the following:

- **A-1** 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 and television production studio sound stages, approved production facilities and production locations. (With live audiences).
  - Motion picture theaters
  - Symphony and concert halls
  - Television and radio studios admitting an audience
  - Theaters
- **A-2** Assembly uses intended for food and/or drink consumption including, but not limited to:



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- Banquet halls
  - Night clubs
  - Restaurants
  - Taverns and bars
- **A-3** Assembly uses intended for worship, recreation or amusement and other assembly uses not classified elsewhere in Group A, including, but not limited to:
- Amusement arcades
  - Art galleries
  - Bowling alleys
  - Community halls
  - Courtrooms
  - Dance halls (not including food or drink consumption) Exhibition halls
  - Funeral parlors
  - Gymnasiums (without spectator seating)
  - Indoor swimming pools (without spectator seating) Indoor tennis courts (without spectator seating)
  - Lecture halls
  - Libraries Museums
  - Places of religious worship
  - Pool and billiard parlors
  - Waiting areas in transportation terminals
- **A-4** 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
- **A-5** Assembly uses intended for participation in or viewing outdoor activities including, but not limited to:
- Amusement park structures
  - Bleachers
  - Grandstands
  - Stadiums



**Business Group B.** 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. Business occupancies shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Airport traffic control towers
- Ambulatory health-care facilities serving *five or fewer patients (see Group I-2.1 or Section 308.3.2 California Building Code for facilities serving more than five patients)*
- Animal hospitals, kennels and pounds
- Banks
- Barber and beauty shops
- Car wash
- Civic administration
- Clinic-outpatient
- Dry cleaning and laundries: pick-up and delivery stations and self-service
- Educational occupancies for students above the 12th grade
- Electronic data processing
- Laboratories: testing, research *and instruction*
- Motor vehicle showrooms
- Post offices
- Print shops
- Professional services (architects, attorneys, dentists, physicians, engineers, etc.) Radio and television stations
- Telephone exchanges
- Training and skill development not within a school or academic program

**Group C (Camps, organized).** *An organized camp is a site with programs and facilities established for the primary purpose of providing an outdoor group living experience with social, spiritual, educational or recreational objectives, for five days or more during one or more seasons of the year.*

**Educational Group E.** Educational Group E occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, by more than six persons at any one time for educational purposes through the 12th grade. Religious educational rooms and religious auditoriums, which are accessory to places of religious worship in accordance with Section 508.3.1 of the *California Building Code* and have occupant loads of less than 100, shall be classified as Group A-3 occupancies.

**Exception:**

*A residence used as a home school for the children who normally reside at the residence. Such residences shall remain classified as Group R-2, or Group R-3 Occupancies.*



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- **Day care.** The use of a building or structure, or portion thereof, for educational, supervision or personal care services for more than six children 2 years of age and older shall be classified as an E occupancy.

**Exception:**

*A day-care facility not otherwise classified as an R-3 Occupancy, where occupants are not capable of responding to an emergency situation without physical assistance from the staff shall be classified as Group I-4.*

**Factory Industrial Group F.** Factory Industrial Group F occupancy includes, among others, 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-1 Moderate-hazard occupancy.** Factory industrial uses which are not classified as Factory Industrial F-2 Low Hazard shall be classified as F-1 Moderate Hazard and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - Aircraft (manufacturing, not to include repair)
  - Appliances
  - Athletic equipment
  - Automobiles and other motor vehicles
  - Bakeries
  - Beverages; over 16-percent alcohol content
  - Bicycles
  - Boats
  - Brooms or brushes
  - Business machines
  - Cameras and photo equipment
  - Canvas or similar fabric
  - Carpets and rugs (includes cleaning)
  - Clothing
  - Construction and agricultural machinery
  - Disinfectants
  - Dry cleaning and dyeing
  - Electric generation plants
  - Electronics
  - Engines (including rebuilding)



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- Food processing
  - Furniture
  - Hemp products
  - Jute products
  - Laundries
  - Leather products
  - Machinery Metals
  - Millwork (sash and door)
  - Motion picture and television production studio sound stages, approved production facilities and production locations (without live audiences)
  - Musical instruments
  - Optical goods
  - Paper mills or products
  - Photographic film
  - Plastic products
  - Printing or publishing
  - Refuse incineration
  - Shoes
  - Soaps and detergents
  - Textiles
  - Tobacco
  - Trailers
  - Upholstering
  - Wood; distillation
  - Woodworking (cabinet)
- **Factory Industrial F-2 Low-hazard Occupancy.** Factory industrial uses involving the fabrication or manufacturing of noncombustible materials which, during finishing, packaging or processing do not involve a significant fire hazard, shall be classified as Group F-2 occupancies and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- Beverages; up to and including 16-percent alcohol content
  - Brick and masonry
  - Ceramic products
  - Foundries
  - Glass products
  - Gypsum
  - Ice



- Metal products (fabrication and assembly)

**High-hazard Group H.** High-hazard Group H occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, that involves the manufacturing, processing, generation or storage of materials that constitute a physical or *health hazard* in quantities in excess of those allowed in control areas complying with Section 2703.8.3, based on the maximum allowable quantity limits for control areas set forth in Tables 2703.1.1(1) and 2703.1.1(2). Hazardous occupancies are classified in Groups H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4 and H-5 and shall be in accordance with this code and the requirements of Section 415 of the *California Building Code*. Hazardous materials stored or used on top of roofs or canopies shall be classified as outdoor storage or use and shall comply with this code.

**Exceptions:**

*The following shall not be classified as Group H, but shall be classified as the occupancy that they most nearly resemble.*

- 1. Buildings and structures occupied for the application of flammable finishes, provided that such buildings or areas conform to the requirements of Chapter 15 of this code and Section 416 of the California Building Code.*
- 2. Wholesale and retail sales and storage of flammable and combustible liquids in mercantile occupancies conforming to Chapter 34.*
- 3. Closed piping system containing flammable or combustible liquids or gases utilized for the operation of machinery or equipment.*
- 4. Cleaning establishments that utilize combustible liquid solvents having a flash point of 140°F (60°C) or higher in closed systems employing equipment listed by an approved testing agency, provided that this occupancy is separated from all other areas of the building by 1-hour fire barriers in accordance with Section 707 of the California Building Code or 1-hour horizontal assemblies in accordance with Section 712 of the California Building Code, or both.*
- 5. Cleaning establishments that utilize a liquid solvent having a flash point at or above 200°F (93°C).*
- 6. Liquor stores and distributors without bulk storage.*
- 7. Refrigeration systems.*
- 8. The storage or utilization of materials for agricultural purposes on the premises.*
- 9. Stationary batteries utilized for facility emergency power, uninterrupted power supply or telecommunication facilities, provided that the batteries are equipped with safety venting caps and ventilation is provided in accordance with the California Mechanical Code.*



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*10. Corrosives shall not include personal or household products in their original packaging used in retail display or commonly used building materials.*

*11. Buildings and structures occupied for aerosol storage shall be classified as Group S-1, provided that such buildings conform to the requirements of Chapter 28.*

*12. Display and storage of nonflammable solid and nonflammable or noncombustible liquid hazardous materials in quantities not exceeding the maximum allowable quantity per control area in Group M or S occupancies complying with Section 2703.8.3.5.*

*13. The storage of black powder, smokeless propellant and small arms primers in Groups M and R-3 and special industrial explosive devices in Groups B, F, M and S, provided such storage conforms to the quantity limits and requirements of this code.*

*14. Group L occupancies as defined in Section 443.1.*

- **High-hazard Group H-1.** Buildings and structures containing materials that pose a detonation hazard shall be classified as Group H-1. Such materials shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Detonable pyrophoric materials Explosives:
- Division 1.1
- Division 1.2
- Division 1.3

**Exception:**

*Materials that are used and maintained in a form where either confinement or configuration will not elevate the hazard from a mass fire to mass explosion hazard shall be allowed in Group H-2 occupancies.*

- Division 1.4

**Exception:**

*Articles, including articles packaged for shipment, that are not regulated as an explosive under Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms regulations, or unpackaged articles used in process operations that do not propagate a detonation or deflagration between articles shall be allowed in Group H-3 occupancies.*

- Division 1.5
- Division 1.6
- Organic peroxides, unclassified detonable
- Oxidizers, Class 4 Unstable (reactive) materials, Class 3 detonable, and Class 4



- **High-hazard Group H-2.** Buildings and structures containing materials that pose a deflagration hazard or a hazard from accelerated burning shall be classified as Group H-2. Such materials shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - Class I, II or IIIA flammable or combustible liquids which are used or stored in normally open containers or systems, or in closed containers or systems pressurized at more than 15 pounds per square inch (103.4 kPa) gauge
  - Combustible dusts
  - Cryogenic fluids, flammable
  - Flammable gases
  - Organic peroxides, Class I
  - Oxidizers, Class 3, that are used or stored in normally open containers or systems, or in closed containers or systems pressurized at more than 15 pounds per square inch (103.4 kPa) gauge
  - Pyrophoric liquids, solids and gases, nondetonable Unstable (reactive) materials, Class 3, nondetonable Water-reactive materials, Class 3
  
- **High-hazard Group H-3.** Buildings and structures containing materials that readily support combustion or that pose a physical hazard shall be classified as Group H-3. Such materials shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - Class I, II or IIIA flammable or combustible liquids that are used or stored in normally closed containers or systems pressurized at 15 pounds per square inch gauge (103.4 kPa) or less
  - Combustible fibers, other than densely packed baled cotton
  - Consumer fireworks, 1.4G (Class C, Common)
  - Cryogenic fluids, oxidizing
  - Flammable solids
  - Organic peroxides, Class II and III
  - Oxidizers, Class 2
  - Oxidizers, Class 3, that are used or stored in normally closed containers or systems pressurized at 15 pounds per square inch gauge (103 kPa) or less
  - Oxidizing gases
  - Unstable (reactive) materials, Class 2
  - Water-reactive materials, Class 2
  
- **High-hazard Group H-4.** Buildings and structures which contain materials that are health hazards shall be classified as Group H-4. Such materials shall include, but not be limited to, the following:



- Corrosives
  - Highly toxic materials
  - Toxic materials
- **High-hazard Group H-5.** Semiconductor fabrication facilities and comparable research and development areas in which hazardous production materials (HPM) are used and the aggregate quantity of materials is in excess of those listed in Tables 2703.1.1(1) and 2703.1.1(2) shall be classified as Group H-5. Such facilities and areas shall be designed and constructed in accordance with Section 415.8 of the California Building Code.

**Institutional Group I.** Institutional Group I occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, in which people are cared for or live in a supervised environment, having physical limitations because of health or age, are harbored for medical treatment or other care or treatment, or in which people are detained for penal or correctional purposes or in which the liberty of the occupants is restricted. Institutional occupancies shall be classified as Group I-1, I-2, I-3 or I-4. *Restraint shall not be permitted in any building except in Group I-3 occupancies constructed for such use. See California Building Code Section 408.1.1.*

*Where occupancies house both ambulatory and non-ambulatory persons, the more restrictive requirements shall apply.*

- **Group I-1.** *Not used. (See Group R-2.1 or Section 310.1, California Building Code.)*
- **Group I-2.** This occupancy shall include buildings and structures used for medical, surgical, psychiatric, nursing or custodial care for persons who are not capable of self-preservation or classified as nonambulatory or bedridden. This group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - Child care facilities
  - Detoxification facilities
  - Hospitals
  - Mental hospitals
  - Nursing homes
- **Group I-2.1** *Ambulatory healthcare facility. A healthcare facility that receives persons for outpatient medical care that may render the patient incapable of unassisted self-preservation and where each tenant space accommodates more than five such patients.*



- **Group I-3.** This occupancy shall include buildings or portions of buildings and structures which are inhabited by *one or more persons* who are under restraint. An I-3 facility is occupied by *persons who are restrained*. This group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - Correctional centers
  - Detention centers
  - Jails
  - Juvenile halls
  - Prisons
  - Reformatories

Buildings of Group I-3 shall be classified as one of the occupancy conditions indicated below:

- **Condition 1.** This occupancy condition shall include buildings in which free movement is allowed from sleeping areas and other spaces where access or occupancy is permitted, to the exterior via means of egress without restraint. A Condition 1 facility is permitted to be constructed as Group R.
- **Condition 2.** This occupancy condition shall include buildings in which free movement is allowed from sleeping areas and any other occupied smoke compartment to one or more other smoke compartments. Egress to the exterior is impeded by locked exits.
- **Condition 3.** This occupancy condition shall include buildings in which free movement is allowed within individual smoke compartments, such as within a residential unit comprised of individual sleeping units and group activity spaces, where egress is impeded by remote-controlled release of means of egress from such smoke compartment to another smoke compartment.
- **Condition 4.** This occupancy condition shall include buildings in which free movement is restricted from an occupied space. Remote-controlled release is provided to permit movement from sleeping units, activity spaces and other occupied areas within the smoke compartment to other smoke compartments.
- **Condition 5.** This occupancy condition shall include buildings in which free movement is restricted from an occupied space. Staff-controlled manual release is provided to permit



movement from sleeping units, activity spaces and other occupied areas within the smoke compartment to other smoke compartments.

- **Group I-4, day-care facilities.** This group shall include buildings and structures occupied by *persons* of any age who receive custodial care for less than 24 hours by individuals other than parents or guardians, relatives by blood, marriage, or adoption, and in a place other than the home of the person cared for. A facility such as the above with *six* or fewer *clients* shall be classified as Group R-3 or shall comply with the *California Residential Code*. Places of worship during religious functions are not included.
  - **Adult day-care facility.** A facility that provides accommodations for less than 24 hours for more than *six* unrelated adults and provides supervision and personal care services shall be classified as Group I-4.
  - **Child day-care facility.** Child care facilities that provide supervision and personal care on less than a 24-hour basis for more than *six* children *under 2 years of age* shall be classified as Group I-4.

**Exception:**

*A child day care facility that provides care for more than six but no more than 100 children under 2 years of age, where the rooms in which the children are cared for are located on a level of exit discharge serving such rooms and each of these child care rooms has an exit door directly to the exterior, shall be classified as Group E.*

**Group L Laboratories.** [SFM] Group L occupancy includes the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof containing one or more laboratory suites as defined in Section 443 of the California Building Code.

**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. Mercantile occupancies shall include, but not be limited to, the following.

- Department stores
- Drug stores
- Markets
- Motor fuel-dispensing facilities
- Retail or wholesale stores
- Sales rooms



**Residential Group R.** Residential Group R includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for sleeping purposes when not classified as an Institutional Group I or when not regulated by the California Residential Code. Residential occupancies shall include the following:

- **R-1.** Residential occupancies containing sleeping units where the occupants are primarily transient in nature, including:
  - Boarding houses (transient)
  - Hotels (transient)
  - Motels (transient)
  - Congregate living facilities (transient) or congregate residences (transient) with 10 or fewer occupants are permitted to comply with the construction requirements for Group R-3.
  
- **R-2.** Residential occupancies containing *sleeping units* or more than two *dwelling units* where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature, including:
  - Apartment houses
  - Boarding houses (nontransient)
  - Convents
  - Dormitories
  - Fraternities and sororities
  - Hotels (nontransient)
  - Live/work units
  - Monasteries
  - Motels (nontransient)
  - Vacation timeshare properties
  - Congregate living facilities or congregate residences with 16 or fewer occupants are permitted to comply with the construction requirements for Group R-3.
  
- **R-2.1** *This occupancy shall include buildings, structures or parts thereof housing clients, on a 24-hour basis, who because of age, mental disability or other reasons, live in a supervised residential environment that provides personal care services.*

*This occupancy may contain more than six nonambulatory and/or bedridden clients. (See Appendix Chapter 4, Section 425 Special Provisions For Licensed 24-Hour Care Facilities in a Group R-2.1, R-3.1 or R-4 Occupancy). This group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:*

***Assisted living facilities such as:***

- *Residential care facilities*



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- Residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFEs)
  - Adult residential facilities
  - Congregate living health facilities
  - Group homes
  - Residential care facilities for the chronically ill
  - Congregate living health facilities for the terminally ill Social rehabilitation facilities such as:
    - Halfway houses
    - Community correctional centers
    - Community correction reentry centers
    - Community treatment programs
    - Work furlough programs
    - Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities
- **R-3.** Residential occupancies where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature and not classified as Group R-1, R-2, R-2.1, R-4 or I, including:
- Buildings that do not contain more than two *dwelling units*.
  - Adult care facilities that provide accommodations for *six or fewer clients* of any age for less than 24 hours.  
**Licensing categories that may use this classification include, but are not limited to:**  
Adult day programs.
  - Child care facilities that provide accommodations for *six or fewer clients* of any age for less than 24 hours.  
**Licensing categories that may use this classification include, but are not limited to:**
    - Day-care center for mildly ill children Infant care center
    - School age child day-care center.
    - Family day-care homes that provide accommodations for 14 or fewer children, in the provider's own home for less than 24 hours.
    - Congregate living facilities or congregate residences with 16 or fewer persons.
    - Adult care and child care facilities that are within a single-family home are permitted to comply with the California Residential Code.
- **R-3.1** *This occupancy group may include facilities licensed by a governmental agency for a residentially based 24-hour care facility providing accommodations for six or fewer clients of any age. Clients may be classified as ambulatory, nonambulatory or bedridden. A Group R-3.1 occupancy shall meet the requirements for construction as defined for Group R-3, except as otherwise provided for in Appendix Chapter 4 Special Provisions For Licensed 24-Hour Care Facilities in a Group R-2.1, R-3.1 or R-4 Occupancy. This group may include:*



- *Adult residential facilities Congregate living health facilities Foster family homes*
- *Group homes*
- *Intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled habilitative Intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled nursing*
- *Nurseries for the full-time care of children under the age of six, but not including "infants" as defined in Section 202*
- *Residential care facilities for the elderly*
- *Small family homes and residential care facilities for the chronically ill*

**Exception:**

*Foster Family Homes or Group Homes licensed by the Department of Social Services which provide nonmedical board, room and care for six or fewer ambulatory children or children two years of age or younger, and which do not have any nonambulatory clients shall not be subject to regulations found in Section Appendix Chapter 4, Section 425.*

*Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13143 with respect to these exempted facilities, no city, county, or public district shall adopt or enforce any requirement for the prevention of fire or for the protection of life and property against fire and panic unless the requirement would be applicable to a structure regardless of the special occupancy. Nothing shall restrict the application of state or local housing standards to such facilities if the standards are applicable to residential occupancies and are not based on the use of the structure as a facility for ambulatory children. For the purpose of this exception, 'ambulatory children' does not include relatives of the licensee or the licensee's spouse.*

- **R-4.** Residential occupancies shall include buildings arranged for occupancy as residential care/assisted living facilities including more than six ambulatory clients, excluding staff.

Group R-4 occupancies shall meet the requirements for construction as defined for Group R-3, except as otherwise provided for in this code or shall comply with the *California Residential Code*, provided the building is protected by an *automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with Section 903.2.8.

This occupancy classification may include a maximum *six nonambulatory or bedridden clients* (see Appendix Chapter 4, Section 425 Special Provisions For Licensed 24-Hour Care Facilities in a Group R-2.1, R-3.1, or R- 4 Occupancy). Group R-4 occupancies shall include the following:

**Assisted living facilities such as:**

- Residential care facilities



- Residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFEs) Adult residential facilities
- Congregate living health facilities
- Group homes.
- **Social rehabilitation facilities such as:**
  - Halfway houses
  - Community correctional centers
  - Community correction reentry centers
  - Community treatment programs
  - Work furlough programs
  - Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities

**Storage Group S.** Storage Group S occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for storage that is not classified as a hazardous occupancy.

- **Moderate-hazard storage, Group S-1.** Buildings occupied for storage uses that are not classified as Group S-2, including, but not limited to, storage of the following:
  - Aerosols, Levels 2 and 3
  - Aircraft hangar (storage and repair)
  - Bags: cloth, burlap and paper Bamboos and rattan
  - Baskets
  - Belting: canvas and leather
  - Books and paper in rolls or packs
  - Boots and shoes
  - Buttons, including cloth covered, pearl or bone
  - Cardboard and cardboard boxes
  - Clothing, woolen wearing apparel
  - Cordage
  - Dry boat storage (indoor)
  - Furniture
  - Furs
  - Glues, mucilage, pastes and size
  - Grains
  - Horns and combs, other than celluloid
  - Leather
  - Linoleum
  - Lumber



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- Motor vehicle repair garages complying with the maximum allowable quantities of hazardous materials
  - listed in Table 2703.1.1(1) (see Section 406.6 of the *California Building Code*)
  - Photo engravings
  - Resilient flooring
  - Silks
  - Soaps
  - Sugar
  - Tires, bulk storage of
  - Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and snuff
  - Upholstery and mattresses
  - Wax candles
- **Low-hazard storage, Group S-2.** Includes, among others, buildings used for the storage of noncombustible materials such as products on wood pallets or in paper cartons with or without single thickness divisions; or in paper wrappings. Such products are permitted to have a negligible amount of plastic trim, such as knobs, handles or film wrapping. Storage uses shall include, but not be limited to, storage of the following:
- Asbestos
  - Beverages up to and including 16-percent alcohol in metal, glass or ceramic containers
  - Cement in bags
  - Chalk and crayons
  - Dairy products in nonwaxed coated paper containers
  - Dry cell batteries
  - Electrical coils
  - Electrical motors
  - Empty cans
  - Food products
  - Foods in noncombustible containers
  - Fresh fruits and vegetables in nonplastic trays or containers
  - Frozen foods
  - Glass
  - Glass bottles, empty or filled with noncombustible liquids
  - Gypsum board
  - Inert pigments
  - Ivory
  - Meats



- Metal cabinets
- Metal desks with plastic tops and trim
- Metal parts
- Metals
- Mirrors
- Oil-filled and other types of distribution transformers
- Parking garages, open or enclosed
- Porcelain and pottery
- Stoves
- Talc and soapstones
- Washers and dryers

**Miscellaneous Group U.** 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.

Group U shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Agricultural buildings
- Aircraft hangar, accessory to a one- or two-family residence (see Section 412.3 of the *California Building Code*)
- Barns
- Carports
- Fences more than 6 feet (1829 mm) high
- Grain silos, accessory to a residential occupancy
- Greenhouses
- Livestock shelters
- Private garages
- Retaining walls
- Sheds
- Stables
- Tanks
- Towers