

## Occupancy Classification and Use Designation between Life Safety Code (National Fire Protection Association/NFPA 101) and Florida Building Code (FBC)

NFPA 101	FBC
Assembly	Assembly (divided into subcategories A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5)
Ambulatory Health Care	Business
Educational	Educational
Day Care	Educational (buildings and structures or portions thereof occupied by >5 children older than 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> years of age who receive educational, supervision or <i>personal care services</i> for fewer than 24 hours per day), Residential R-3 (facility having five or fewer children receiving such day care) or Institutional (adult or child day care occupied by >5 persons of any age who receive <i>custodial care</i> for <24 hrs/day 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)
Health Care	Institutional (divided into subcategories I-1, I-2, I-3, and I-4)
Detention and Correctional	
Residential Board and Care	Institutional I-1 (more than 16 persons) or Residential R-4 (more than 5 but not more than 16 persons)
Hotels	Residential R-1 (primarily transient occupancies such as Boarding houses or congregate living facilities with >10 occupants, hotels, motels)
Dormitory	Residential R-2 (primarily permanent occupancies containing sleeping units or >2 dwelling units such as apartment houses, nontransient boarding houses, nontransient congregate living facilities with >16 occupants, dormitories, fraternities/sororities, nontransient hotels or motels, vacation timeshare properties)
Apartment house	
One- and Two-Family Dwelling	Residential R-3 (primarily permanent occupants and not classified as R-1, R-2, R-4, or I such as 1&2 family dwellings, nontransient boarding houses with 16 or fewer occupants, transient boarding houses with 10 or fewer occupants, owner-occupied lodging houses with five or fewer guest rooms and 10 or fewer occupants)
Lodging or Rooming house	
Apartment	Residential R-4 (buildings or portions thereof for more than 5 but not more than 16 persons, excluding staff, who reside on a 24-hour basis in a supervised residential environment and receive custodial care such as alcohol and drug centers, assisted living

	facilities, congregate care facilities, group homes, halfway houses, residential board and custodial care facilities, social rehabilitation facilities)
Mercantile	Mercantile
Business	<p>Business (office, professional, service-type transactions, or storage of records and accounts):</p> <p>Airport traffic control towers</p> <p><i>Ambulatory care facilities</i></p> <p>Animal hospitals, kennels and pounds</p> <p>Banks</p> <p>Barber and beauty shops</p> <p>Car wash</p> <p>Civic administration</p> <p><i>Clinic, outpatient</i></p> <p>Dry cleaning and laundries: pick-up and delivery stations and self-service</p> <p>Educational occupancies for students above 12th grade</p> <p>Electronic data processing</p> <p>Food processing establishments and commercial kitchens not associated with restaurants, cafeterias and similar dining facilities not more than 2,500 square feet (232 m<sup>2</sup>) in area.</p> <p>Laboratories: testing and research</p> <p>Motor vehicle showrooms</p> <p>Post offices and Print Shops</p> <p>Professional services (architects, attorneys, dentists, physicians, engineers, etc.)</p> <p>Radio and television stations</p> <p>Telephone exchanges</p> <p>Training and skill development not in a school or academic program</p>
Industrial	Factory (subcategories F-1 and F-2) or Industrial
Storage	Storage (divided into subcategories S-1 and S-2)
Hazardous area is relative and situational. See link below for additional information. (Industrial and Storage occupancies, respectively, contain detailed provisions on high-hazard contents)	High Hazard (subcategories H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4, and H-5)
No equivalent occupancy classification (see link below for additional information)	Utility and Miscellaneous Group U (agricultural buildings, barns, carports, fences >6 ft in height, greenhouses, private garages, retaining walls, sheds, stables, tanks, towers)

See also [NFPA Today – May 07, 2021](#)