

2021 Virginia Construction Code

CHAPTER 3 USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION

SECTION 309 MERCANTILE GROUP M

309.1 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 [where the public has access](#). Mercantile occupancies shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Department stores
- Drug stores
- Greenhouses* for display and sale of plants that provide public access.
- Markets
- Motor fuel-dispensing facilities
- Retail or wholesale stores
- Sales rooms

309.2 Quantity of hazardous materials.

The aggregate quantity of nonflammable solid and nonflammable or non-combustible liquid *hazardous materials* stored or displayed in a single *control area* of a Group M occupancy shall not exceed the quantities in [Table 414.2.5\(1\)](#).

309.3 Motor fuel-dispensing facilities.

Motor fuel-dispensing facilities shall comply with [Section 406.7](#).