



2.3. Types of Occupancies (Occupancy Classifications)

2.3.1. Table 1.1. defines the occupancies, based on which the construction requirements, height, area, Fire resistance of structural elements, separation between buildings are dictated. For sprinkler design purpose, occupancy classifications shall be in accordance with **Chapter 9, Section 1.1.13.**

Table 1.1: Types of Occupancies based on their usage, Hazard and number of occupants (RISKS)

OCCUPANCY	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
1. Assembly An occupancy used for a gathering of people for deliberation, worship, entertainment, eating, drinking, amusement, awaiting transportation, or similar uses.	1. Banquet halls 2. Night clubs 3. Discos 4. Restaurants with more than 50 people 5. Pubs 6. Bars 7. Theaters 8. Concert Halls 9. Cinemas 10. Indoor Stadiums 11. Studios with audience 12. Exhibition halls 13. Casinos	1. Amusement Park 2. Grandstands 3. Outdoor Stadiums 4. Bleachers 5. Swimming Pools 6. Skating Rinks 7. Indoor Kid's Play Areas 8. Bowling alleys 9. Pool/billiard parlors 10. Waiting areas in transportation terminals. 11. Airport Terminal Buildings 12. Food courts, seating areas	1. Art galleries 2. Community halls 3. Mosques 4. Churches 5. Temples 6. Courtrooms 7. Funeral parlors 8. Gymnasiums 9. Fitness Centers 10. Seminar halls 11. Libraries 12. Museums 13. Open air Theaters 14. Amphitheaters 15. Parks 16. Beaches
2. Business An occupancy used for the transaction of business other than mercantile, usually used for office, professional or service-type transactions, including storage of records and accounts.	1. Electronic data processing 2. Telephone exchanges 3. Radio and television stations 4. Laboratories 5. Testing and research 6. Airport traffic control towers	1. Offices 2. Modular Site Offices 3. Banks 4. Government offices 5. Post offices 6. Money Exchange centers 7. Sales and Marketing Offices 8. Professional/ Consultancy services such as architects, attorneys, dentists, physicians, engineers, etc.	1. Barber Shops 2. Beauty Shops 3. Massage Centers 4. Typing Centers 5. Translation centers 6. Print Shops 7. Photo Studios
3. Educational An occupancy used for educational purposes.	1. Nurseries 2. Kindergarten 3. Preschool center 4. Talent Grooming centers for kids	1. Schools for up to 12 th grade students	1. Colleges 2. Universities 3. Training centers for adults
4. Healthcare An occupancy used to provide medical, psychiatric, surgical, therapeutic treatment for people.	1. Hospitals. 2. Limited Care Facilities 3. Nursing Homes 4. Mental Asylums	1. Clinics	1. Ambulatory Health care center