

CHAPTER 3
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302. 1 General. Structures or portions of structures shall be classified with respect to occupancy in one or more of the groups listed below. A room or space that is intended to be occupied at different times for different purposes shall comply with all the requirements that are applicable to each of the purposes for which the room or space will be occupied. Structures with multiple occupancies or uses shall comply with Section 508. Where a structure is proposed for a purpose that is not specifically provided for in this code, such structure shall be classified in the group that the occupancy most nearly resembles, according to the fire safety and relative hazard involved.

1. Assembly (see Section 303): Groups A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4 and A-5
2. Business (see Section 304): Group B
3. Educational (see Section 305): Group E
4. Factory and Industrial (see Section 306): Groups F-1 and F-2
5. High Hazard (see Section 307): Groups H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4 and H-5
6. Institutional (see Section 308): Groups I-1, I-2, I-3 and I-4
7. Mercantile (see Section 309): Group M
8. Residential (see Section 310): Groups R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4
9. **Special residence for assisted self-preservation (see Appendix SR): Groups SR-1, SR-2, SR-3 and SR-4**
- ~~10.~~ **11.** Storage (see Section 311): Groups S-1 and S-2
- ~~11.~~ Utility and Miscellaneous (see Section 312): Group U

303. 1 Assembly Group A. Assembly Group A occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for the gathering together of persons for purposes such as civic, social or religious functions; recreation, food or drink consumption; or awaiting transportation.

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 m²) in area and is accessory to another occupancy shall be classified as a Group B occupancy or as part of that occupancy.

SECTION 304

BUSINESS GROUP B

ORS 441.060 is not part of this code but is reproduced here for the reader's convenience; ORS 441.060 authorizes rules for the certification of health care facilities from the "Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services" (CMS). These rules, in part, require plan reviews and inspections by Facilities, Planning and Safety Unit of Oregon Health Services and by the Health Care Facilities Unit of the Office of State Fire Marshal in accordance with the 2000 edition of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code.

New Ambulatory Health Care Centers (Outpatient Clinics), as well as other health care facilities receiving federal funding are required to meet these rules, in addition to state and local codes.

304.1 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
- Animal hospitals, kennels and pounds
- Banks
- Barber and beauty shops
- Car wash
- Civic administration
- Clinic - outpatient (**See Definition in Section 304.1.1**)
- 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 and research
- 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

304.1.1 Definitions. The following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this section and as used elsewhere in this code, have the meanings shown herein.

Clinic-outpatient. Clinic-outpatient is a medical office or facility serving patients who are capable of self-preservation, or not more than five patients who may be incapable of self-preservation, (for facilities with more than five patients who may be incapable of self-preservation, see Ambulatory Health Care Facilities in Section 308.3).

304.2 Lockup facilities. Buildings containing lockup facilities, as defined in ORS 169.005(4) shall comply with the following provisions:

- 1. Areas containing lockup facilities shall be separated from other rooms, spaces or areas by an approved smoke barrier. (See Section 909.5).**

2. The smoke control zone in which the lockup cells are located shall be provided with an automatic fire sprinkler system complying with Chapter 9 requirements for Group I-3 Occupancies.
3. The smoke control zone in which the lockup area is located shall be provided with an automatic smoke detection system installed in accordance with the Fire Code Group I-3 Occupancies.
4. The combined occupant load of the holding cells shall not exceed 5.

ORS 169.005(4) is not part of this code but is reproduced here for the reader's convenience:

"Lockup" means a facility for the temporary detention of arrested persons held for up to 36 hours, excluding holidays, Saturdays and Sundays, but the period in lockup shall not exceed 96 hours after booking.

306.2 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
- Appliances
- Athletic equipment
- Automobiles and other motor vehicles
- Bakeries
- Beverages; over ~~12~~ **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)
- Food processing
- Furniture
- Hemp products
- Jute products
- Laundries
- Leather products
- Machinery

Metals
Millwork (sash & door)
Motion pictures and television filming (without spectators)
Musical instruments
Optical goods
Paper mills or products
Photographic film
Plastic products
Printing or publishing
Recreational vehicles
Refuse incineration
Shoes
Soaps and detergents
Textiles
Tobacco
Trailers
Upholstering
Wood; distillation
Woodworking (cabinet)

306.3 Factory Industrial F-2 Low-Hazard Occupancy. Factory industrial uses that involve the fabrication or manufacturing of noncombustible materials which during finishing, packing or processing do not involve a significant fire hazard shall be classified as F-2 occupancies and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

Beverages; up to and including ~~12~~ **16**-percent alcohol content
Brick and masonry
Ceramic products
Foundries
Glass products
Gypsum
Ice
Metal products (fabrication and assembly)
Wood barrel and bottled wine aging facilities in wineries

307.1.2 Storage of Class 1.4G (Class C Common) fireworks. A permanent building used for the temporary storage of 1.4G (Class C) fireworks as authorized by a retail sales permit under ORS 480.127 may be classified as either a Group M, Group S-1 or a detached Group U Occupancy provided:

- 1. The total amount of 1.4G retail fireworks is less than 5,000 pounds (2268 kg) gross weight; or**
- 2. When the building is protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system and the amount of 1.4G retail fireworks is less than 10,000 pounds (4636 kg) gross weight.**

308.1 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, **health care, personal care** 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.

308.2 Group I-1. This occupancy shall include buildings, structures or parts thereof housing more than 16 persons, 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. The occupants are capable of responding to an emergency situation without physical assistance from staff **and are capable of self-preservation**. This group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Residential board and care facilities
- Assisted living facilities
- Halfway houses
- Group homes
- Congregate care ~~facilities~~ **residences**
- Social rehabilitation facilities
- Alcohol and drug centers
- Convalescent facilities

A facility such as the above with five or fewer persons shall be classified as a Group R-3 or shall comply with the *International Residential Code* in accordance with Section 101.2. A facility such as above, housing at least six and not more than 16 persons, shall be classified as Group R-4.

308.2.1 Residential facility. A residential facility or portion thereof, subject to licensure by the state, where personal care is administered for more than 16 persons whose occupants may require assisted self-preservation shall be classified as Group SR-1 occupancy and shall comply with Appendix SR.

308.3 Group I-2. This occupancy shall include buildings and structures used for medical, surgical, psychiatric, nursing, **health** or custodial care ~~on a 24-hour basis of more than five~~ persons who are not capable of self-preservation. This group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Hospitals
- Nursing homes ~~(both intermediate care facilities and skilled nursing facilities)~~
- Mental hospitals
- Detoxification facilities
- Ambulatory health care facilities**

~~A facility such as the above with five or fewer persons shall be classified as Group R-3 or shall comply with the *International Residential Code* in accordance with Section 101.2.~~

Note: The information within this box is not part of the code but is provided for the reader's convenience. Designers and owners of ambulatory health care facilities that are intended to be certified for federal funding shall also meet the standards adopted by the Certification of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) which are regulated and enforced by the Oregon Department of Health Services and the Office of State Fire Marshal. For more information regarding certification requirements see the

Construction Project Guide which is produced by Facilities Planning and Safety Unit of the Oregon Department of Health Services.

Note: Adult foster homes are not regulated by the requirements of Section 308. See Section 310.

308.3.2 Definitions. The following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this section and as used elsewhere in this code, have the meanings shown herein.

Ambulatory health care facility. Ambulatory health care facilities are medical facilities for more than five patients who are incapable of self-preservation providing care on a less than 24-hour basis. (For facilities with five or fewer patients, see Clinic-outpatient in Section 304.1).

Detoxification facility. Detoxification facilities serve patients who are provided treatment for substance abuse on a 24-hour basis and who may be incapable of self-preservation or who may be harmful to others.

Nursing homes. Nursing homes are long-term care facilities on a 24-hour basis including both intermediate care facilities and skilled nursing facilities, serving more than 5 persons who may be incapable of self-preservation.

Hospitals and Mental hospitals. A building or portion thereof used on a 24-hour basis for the medical, psychiatric, obstetrical, or surgical treatment of inpatients who may be incapable of self-preservation.

308.3.3 Residential facility. A residential facility or portion thereof, subject to licensure by the state, where personal care is administered for more than five persons, whose occupants may require assisted self-preservation (impractical), shall be classified as a Group SR-2 occupancy and shall comply with Appendix SR.

308.5 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 ~~five~~ six or fewer persons, or group child care homes or family child care homes (located in a private residence) as defined in ORS Chapter 657A, shall be classified as a Group R-3 or shall comply with the *International Residential Code* in accordance with Section 101.2. Places of worship during religious functions are not included.

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 (not transient)

Convents
Dormitories
Fraternities and sororities
Hotels (non-transient)
Monasteries
Motels (non-transient)
Vacation timeshare properties

Group R-2 occupancies providing 21 or more housing units for low-income elderly, which are financed in whole or in part by the federal or state fund, shall contain a multi-service room adequate in size to seat all the tenants (ORS 455.425). The multi-service room shall include adjacent toilet facilities for both sexes; a service area with a kitchen sink, counter top and upper and lower cabinets; and a storage room sized to store tables, chairs or benches and janitorial supplies and tools. The multi-service room and accessory rooms shall be accessible to disabled persons. (See Chapter 11.)

R-3 Residential occupancies where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature and not classified as R-1, R-2, R-4 or I including:

Buildings that do not contain more than two dwelling units.

Adult facilities that provide accommodations for ~~five~~ **six** or fewer persons of any age for less than 24 hours.

Child care facilities that provide accommodations for ~~five~~ **six** or fewer persons of any age for less than 24 hours.

Congregate living facilities with 16 or fewer persons.

Adult foster homes as defined in ORS Chapter 443, or group and family child care homes (located in a private residence) as defined in ORS Chapter 657A. Adult

and child care facilities that are within a single-family home are permitted to comply with the *International Residential Code* in accordance with Section 101.2.

A Group R-3 residential occupancy, subject to licensure by the state, where personal care is administered for five or fewer persons, whose occupants may require assisted self-preservation shall be classified as a Group SR-3 occupancy and shall comply with the provisions of Appendix SR.

Lodging houses as defined in this section are permitted to comply with the *International Residential Code* in accordance with Section 101.2.

R-4 Residential occupancies shall include buildings arranged for occupancy as residential care/assisted living facilities including more than five but not more than 16 occupants, 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 *International Residential Code* in accordance with Section 101.2.

A Group R-4 residential occupancy shall include buildings, structures or parts thereof housing more than five, but not more than 16 persons, on a 24-hour basis because of age,

mental disability or other reasons, live in a supervised residential environment that provides personal care.

A Group R-4 residential occupancy, or portion thereof, subject to licensure by the state, where personal care is administered for more than five, but not more than 16 persons, whose occupants may require assisted self-preservation shall be classified as a Group SR-4 occupancy and shall comply with the provisions of Appendix SR.

310.2 Definitions. The following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this section and as used elsewhere in this code, have the meanings shown herein.

Adult foster home. See ORS 443.705 and 443.725.

Adult foster homes are regulated by ORS 443.705 through 443.825, which are not part of this code but are reproduced in part here for the reader's convenience:

443.705(1) "Adult foster home" means any family home or facility in which residential care is provided in a homelike environment for five or fewer adults who are not related to the provider by blood or marriage.

443.725 License required; resident manager required; when other resident staff required. (1) Every provider of adult foster care shall be licensed with the Department of Human Services before opening or operating an adult foster home caring for adult residents.

(2) A provider must live in the home that is to be licensed or hire a resident manager to live in the home.

(3) There must be a provider, resident manager or substitute caregiver on duty 24 hours per day in an adult foster home under the jurisdiction of the Department of Human Services.

Group child care home (located in homes licensed for 12 or fewer children) and Family child care home. See ORS Chapter 657A.

Family child care homes and group child care homes located in a private residence are regulated by ORS 657A.280 and 657A.330, which are not part of this code but are reproduced in part here for the reader's convenience:

657A.250 Definitions for ORS 657A.030 and 657A.250 to 657A.450. As used in ORS 657A.030 and 657A.250 to 657A.450, unless the context requires otherwise:

(2) "Certification" means the certification that is issued under ORS 657A.280 by the Child Care Division to a family child care home, child care center or other child care facility.

(3) "Child" means a child under 13 years of age or a child under 18 years of age who has special needs or disabilities and requires a level of care that is above normal for the child's age.

(4) Subject to ORS 657A.440, "child care" means the care, supervision and guidance on a regular basis of a child unaccompanied by a parent, guardian or custodian, provided to a child during a part of the 24 hours of the day, in a place other than the child's home, with or without compensation.

(5) "Child care facility" means any facility that provides child care to children, including a day nursery, nursery school, child care center, certified or registered family child care home or similar unit operating under any name, but not including any:

(a) Facility providing care that is primarily educational, unless provided to a preschool child for more than four hours a day.

(b) Facility providing care that is primarily supervised training in a specific subject, including but not limited to dancing, drama, music or religion.

(c) Facility providing care that is primarily an incident of group athletic or social activities sponsored by or under the supervision of an organized club or hobby group.

(d) Facility operated by:

(A) A school district as defined in ORS 332.002;

(B) Political subdivision of this state; or

(C) A governmental agency.

(e) Residential facility licensed under ORS 443.400 to 443.455.

(f) Babysitters.

(g) Facility operated as a parent cooperative for no more than four hours a day.

(h) Facility providing care while the child's parent remains on the premises and is engages in an activity offered by the facility or in other nonwork activity.

(10) "Registration" means the registration that is issued under ORS 657A.330 by the Child Care Division to a family child care home where care is provided in the family living quarters of the provider's home.

(11) "School age" means of an age eligible to be enrolled in the first grade or above and, during the months of summer vacation from school, means of an age eligible to be enrolled in first grade or above in the next school year.

Lodging house. Any building or portion thereof containing not more than five guest rooms where rent is paid in money, goods labor or otherwise.

PERSONAL CARE SERVICE. The care of residents who do not require chronic or convalescent medical or nursing care. Personal care involves responsibility for the safety of the resident while inside the building. **See Appendix SR, Section 102.**

RESIDENTIAL CARE/ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES. A building or part thereof housing persons, on a 24-hour basis, who because of age, mental disability or other reasons, live in a supervised residential environment which provides personal care services. The occupants are capable of responding to an emergency situation without physical assistance from staff. This classification shall include, but not be limited to, the following: residential board and care facilities, assisted living facilities, halfway houses, group homes, congregate care facilities, social rehabilitation facilities, alcohol and drug abuse centers and convalescent facilities.

311.3 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:

Aircraft hangar **without major maintenance or overhaul**

Asbestos

Beverages up to and including ~~12~~ **16**-percent alcohol in **wood barrels**, 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

311.4 Mausoleums and columbariums, Group S-3. The design life of structures in this occupancy are longer than other occupancies in this code. Except where specific provisions are made in Chapter 4, other requirements of this code shall apply.