Types of Building Occupancy  
(based on the 2003 International Building Code)

**A-1** Assembly: usually with fixed seating for viewing of performing arts and movies
**A-2** Assembly: intended for food and drink consumption
**A-3** Assembly: for worship, recreation, or amusement: churches, gyms, swimming pools, lecture halls, libraries, museums, art galleries, courtrooms, dance halls
**A-4** Assembly: for participation in and viewing of indoor sporting events, with spectator seating
**A-5** Assembly: for participation in viewing of outdoor sporting events, with spectator seating

**B** Business: office, professional or service transactions, storage of records and accounts, car washes, outpatient clinics, education above 12th grade, post offices, print shops

**E** Educational: up to 12th grade and day care for 5 or more children 2 ½ years old or older

**F-1** Factory: Moderate Hazard
**F-2** Factory: Low Hazard

**H-1** High Hazard: explosives
**H-2** High Hazard: combustible dusts, flammable gases
**H-3** High Hazard: combustible fibers, flammable solids
**H-4** High Hazard: corrosives and toxic materials

**I-1** Institutional: Assisted living, group homes, drug and alcohol treatment centers, for more than 16 persons
**I-2** Institutional: Hospitals, nursing homes, mental hospitals
**I-3** Institutional: prisons and jails
**I-4** Institutional: adult day care or child care for five or more children less than 2 ½ years old

**M** Mercantile retail stores
R-1 Residential: hotels, motels and boarding houses
R-2 Residential: more than 2 units – apartments, convents, monasteries, fraternities, sororities
R-3 Residential: one or two dwelling units
R-4 Residential: residential care for more than five and less than 16 persons

S-1 Storage, Moderate Hazard: vehicle repair garages, aircraft repair hangers, tobacco, and furniture storage
S-2 Storage, Low Hazard: parking garages, open or enclosed, aircraft storage hangers, glass, meats, metal storage

U Utility and Miscellaneous Occupancy: barns, carports, fences more than 6 feet high, private garages, greenhouses