



## **Ontario Building Code 2024 – Major Occupancy Classification Cheat Sheet**

*The following list below is taken directly, verbatim, from A-3.1.2.1.(1) of Volume Two of the Ontario Building Code 2024. For more information please visit [Canadianbuildingcodes.ca](https://canadianbuildingcodes.ca)*

### **Group A, Division 1**

Motion picture theatres  
Opera houses  
Television studios admitting a viewing audience  
Theatres, including experimental theatres

### **Group A, Division 2**

Art galleries  
Auditoria  
Bowling alleys  
Child care facility  
Churches and similar places of worship  
Clubs, nonresidential  
Community halls  
Courtrooms  
Dance halls  
Exhibition halls (other than classified in Group E)  
Gymnasia  
Lecture halls  
Libraries  
Licensed beverage establishments  
Museums  
Passenger stations and depots  
Recreational piers  
Restaurants  
Schools and colleges, nonresidential  
Undertaking premises

### **Group A, Division 3**

Arenas  
Indoor swimming pools  
Rinks

### **Group A, Division 4**

Amusement park structures (not elsewhere classified)  
Bleachers

Grandstands  
Reviewing stands  
Stadia

**Group B, Division 1**

Jails  
Penitentiaries  
Police stations with detention quarters  
Prisons  
Psychiatric hospitals with detention quarters  
Reformatories with detention quarters

**Group B, Division 2**

Facilities for people with developmental disabilities  
Homes for the aged  
Hospitals  
Infirmaries  
Long term care  
Nursing homes  
Psychiatric hospitals without detention quarters  
Reformatories without detention quarters  
Sanatoria without detention quarters

**Group B, Division 3** (See also Sentence 3.1.2.5.(1).)

Children's custodial homes  
Convalescent homes  
Group homes for people with developmental disabilities  
Residential care facilities  
Sanatoria without detention quarters

**Group C**

Apartments  
Boarding houses  
Camps for housing workers  
Clubs, residential  
Colleges, residential  
Convents  
Dormitories  
Group homes  
Halfway houses, drug and alcohol treatment  
Hostels



Hotels  
Houses  
Lodging houses  
Monasteries  
Motels  
Open and semi-secure detention for youth  
Recreational camps  
Rooming houses  
Shelters for homeless  
Shelters for women  
Schools, boarding

**Group D**

Banks  
Barber and hairdressing shops  
Beauty parlours  
Dental offices  
Dry cleaning establishments, self-service, not using flammable or explosive solvents or cleaners  
Laundries, self-service  
Medical offices  
Offices  
Police stations without detention quarters  
Radio stations  
Small tool and appliance rental and service establishments

**Group E**

Department stores  
Exhibition halls  
Markets  
Restaurants with an occupant load not more than 30 persons consuming food and drink  
Shops  
Stores  
Supermarkets

**Group F, Division 1**

Bulk plants for flammable liquids  
Bulk storage warehouses for hazardous substances  
Cereal mills



Chemical manufacturing or processing plants  
Distilleries  
Dry cleaning plants using flammable or explosive solvents or cleaners  
Feed mills  
Flour mills  
Grain elevators  
Lacquer factories  
Paint, varnish and pyroxylin product factories  
Rubber processing plants  
Spray painting operations

**Group F, Division 2**

Aircraft hangars  
Cold storage plants  
Dry cleaning establishments not using flammable or explosive solvents or cleaners  
Electrical substations  
Freight depots  
Helicopter landing areas on roofs  
Laboratories  
Laundries, except self-service  
Planing mills  
Printing plants  
Repair garages  
Self-service storage buildings  
Service stations  
Storage rooms  
Television studios not admitting a viewing audience  
Tire storage  
Warehouses  
Woodworking factories

**Group F, Division 3**

Creameries  
Laboratories  
Power plants  
Storage garages, including open air parking garages  
Storage rooms  
Warehouses

