

Most Common Hazards by Occupancy

Assembly

Includes such buildings or parts used for movie theaters, concert halls, theaters, night clubs, restaurants, bars, community halls, dance halls, churches, etc.

Blocked exits	Exit sign missing or not working
Doors locked during hours of occupancy	Overcrowded/no occupant load signage
Aisles not maintained	Fire extinguishers not serviced
Use of extension cords as permanent wiring	Decorations are not flame retardant
Panic hardware not maintained/poor working order	Emergency lighting missing/not working
Fire alarm test records not available	Commercial cooking system records not maintained
Deadbolts on exit doors	

Business and Mercantile

Buildings or parts of buildings used for offices or professional services are considered "Business" and may include banks, civic buildings, professional services (architects, attorneys, dentists, physicians, etc.), barber and beauty shops, etc.

Buildings used for the display or sale of merchandise are generally called "Mercantile" and include department stores, drug stores, markets, retail or wholesale stores, sales rooms, etc.

Blocked exits	Exit sign missing or not working
Fire extinguishers not serviced	Use of extension cords as permanent wiring
Poor housekeeping in storage areas	Careless trash (wastepaper) disposal
Careless disposal of smoking material	Combustibles stored near heating sources
Improper storage of flammable liquids	Lack of maintenance/testing of fire protection systems
Blocked sprinkler heads	