

Certificate of Occupancy Definitions

1. **Billing address** – an address other than the building address of the business that should be used in the event the City needs to submit an invoice to the business for any reason.
2. **Combustible Liquid** – any liquid having a flash point at or above 100 degrees F.
3. **Commercial oven** – any oven used in the processing of any product that includes flammable or combustible materials as part of the process to create the product or any oven in a commercial application that produces heat from the burning of oil or gas fuels.
4. **Corrosive** – any chemical or chemical compound that causes visible destruction of living tissue by chemical reaction at the site of contact.
5. **Cryogenic Materials** – any fluid with a normal boiling point below –150 degrees F.
6. **CUPA** – a “Certified Unified Program Agency” is a business that handles large quantities of hazardous chemicals and must comply with the regulatory provisions administered by the Orange County Health Department.
7. **Dry cleaning** – the cleaning, dyeing or similar operation of any fabric or textile that includes the use of hazardous chemicals.
8. **Dust generation** – the creation of any finely divided solid material that is 420 microns or less in diameter and when dispersed in the air could ignite.
9. **Educational** – any building or portion thereof used for the purpose of educating people up to and including the 12th grade.
10. **Explosive Materials** – any material or chemical that causes a sudden, almost instantaneous release of pressure gas and heat when subjected to sudden shock, pressure or high temperature.
11. **Flammable Gas** - any material that is in a gaseous form at 68 degrees or less at 14.7 psia of pressure and is ignitable when in a mixture of 13 percent or less by volume with air.
12. **Flammable Liquid** – any liquid having a flash point at or above 100 degrees F.
13. **Flammable Solid** – any solid substance that is likely to cause fire through friction or when dispersed in air as a cloud could be ignited and cause an explosion.
14. **Floor Plan** – Layout (with dimensions) of the business area, for the use you are proposing.
15. **Handle** – means the material is stored in one location but may be moved to other locations either inside or outside of the building and may include such activity as repackaging the material for redistribution.

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16. **Hazardous Materials** – any chemicals or chemical compounds that are listed as physical or health hazards per Appendix VI-A of the California Fire Code or the California Code of Regulations, Title 29.
17. **High pile combustible stock** – the stockpiling of one or more combustible materials in a combined area of 2500 square feet or more and to a height of more than 12 feet.
18. **Lead acid batteries** – any group of batteries with a combined electrolyte capacity of more than 100 gallons in a sprinklered building or 50 gallons in an unsprinklered building.
19. **Medical gas** - any of the following gases; oxygen, nitrogen, and nitrous oxide.
20. **Metal plating** – any process that uses chemical solutions as part of the process to bond together different metals.
21. **Outdoor storage** – the placement of any equipment, materials, products or supplies outside of any building for any period of time with the exception of activities directly relate to the shipping or receiving of raw materials or finished products.
22. **Plastic** – the storage of any individual or combination of plastic materials in an area of 500 square feet or more with a stored height of 6 feet or more.
23. **Public assembly** – any building or portion thereof that is used for the gathering of 50 or more people for the purpose of social, religious, recreational, educational, dining or transport activities.
24. **Spray finishing** – any operation that includes the application of a finish material using spraying equipment in conjunction with finish materials that are flammable or combustible.
25. **Store** – means receiving a material, storing it in one location until it is shipped out to other business locations.
26. **Use** – means a process wherein the container of the material is opened and the material is included as any part of the business activity on the premises.
27. **Vehicle repair** – any repair activity that requires welding, cutting or grinding in a manner that creates sparks or heat capable of igniting flammable or combustible gas or the use of any equipment requiring an open flame.