

CHAPTER 3 USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION

SECTION 302.2.1
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302.2.1 Assembly areas. Accessory assembly areas are not considered separate occupancies if the floor area is equal to or less than 750 square feet (69.7 m²). Assembly areas that are accessory to Group E are not considered separate occupancies. Accessory religious educational rooms and religious auditoriums with occupant loads of less than 100 are not considered separate occupancies.



Q: Is an accessory assembly use area no greater than 750 square feet permitted to exceed 10 percent of the area of the story on which it is located?

A: Yes. The requirements in Section 302.2.1 do not consider an accessory assembly use area that is equal to or less than 750 square feet to be a separate occupancy from the primary occupancy, and occupancy separation by fire barrier per Table 302.3.2 is not required. In addition, an accessory assembly use area that does not exceed 750 square feet is not limited to 10 percent of the area of the story on which it is located, as provisioned in Section 302.2. An example of this is a 750 square feet accessory assembly use area located on a floor level of 5,000 square feet. The 750 square feet accessory assembly use area occupies 15 percent of the 5,000 floor area, but because it does not exceed 750 square feet it is not considered a separate occupancy and fire-resistive separation is not requirement.
