

Accessory occupancies

Accessory occupancies are those uses that are subsidiary to the main occupancy in a building. For example, a small office space in a factory could be considered an accessory occupancy as long as it complies with the provisions of Section 508.2. An accessory use must be given an occupancy classification. So, the office space in the example would be classified as a Group B occupancy. In order for a use to be considered an accessory occupancy, the space cannot have a floor area that is more than 10 percent of the total floor area on a story. There can be more than one accessory use, or more than one accessory use area, on a story. The aggregate area of all the accessory uses cannot exceed 10 percent of the story. The area is also limited to the floor area and height limits in Table 503 without any increases. The allowable area for the building is calculated based on the occupancy classification of the main occupancy. In the example, the factory would be classified as a Group F-1 occupancy. If the design complies with these requirements, the accessory occupancy is not required to be separated by a fire-resistance rated wall or floor system from the main occupancy (see Figure 6-4). [Ref. 508.2]

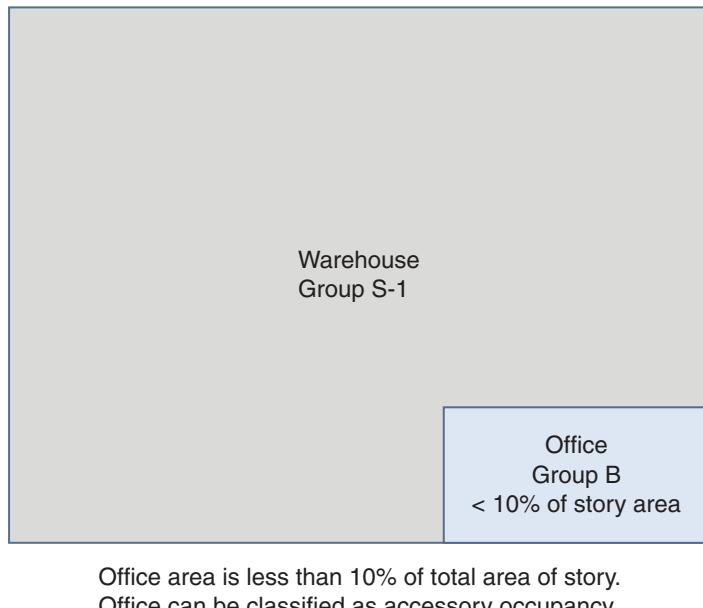


FIGURE 6-4 Example of accessory occupancy area