



FIGURE 3-4 A county jail falls within the Group I-3 occupancy classification.

Institutional occupancies

Whenever a building houses people who cannot help themselves in case of an emergency, it is classified as a Group I occupancy. This classification has four sub-categories of uses. This group includes assisted living facilities in which people are older or disabled and may need some direction to egress but are capable of getting out on their own. It also includes hospitals in which people may be unconscious or sick or injured enough that they cannot get out of a building on their own. Jails and prisons are also included in institutional occupancies (Figure 3-4). The last type of Group I occupancies are adult care facilities and child care facilities for children less than 2½ years of age.

The classification is based on the amount of time that occupants spend in the building and the level of assistance they may need to respond to an emergency. The classification is also based on the number of people that are housed in the building. If the building houses less than seventeen care recipients, it would be considered a Residential occupancy. **[Ref. 308]**