



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	01-07-02	Interpretation #	02-006
Topic	Tutoring Centers		
Code Section(s)	§305.1, California Building Code (1998 ed)		
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SCENARIO: A facility provides tutoring to children ranging in ages from preschool to 18 years. The center operates 2-4 hours per day for about 10-15 children at a time.

What is the correct occupancy classification for this type of facility?

All buildings must be classified into the occupancy type they most nearly resemble. Therefore, if this facility is operated in a business/office building, it should be classified as a Group B occupancy. If operated in a home, it should be classified as a Group R, Division 3 occupancy.