

SECTION J

J Property Use ☆

☛ Property Use was known as Fixed Property Use in NFIRS 4.1.

Definition

Each individual property has a specific use, whether a structure or open land. This entry refers to the actual use of the property where the incident occurred, not the overall use of mixed use properties of which the property is part (see Mixed Use Property, Section I). The intent of this entry is to specify the property use, not the configuration of the building or other details of the property.

Purpose

This element permits analyses of differing fire problems that occur on a wide range of property types. Information on the frequency, losses, and types of fires for each property use can assist in targeting fire prevention programs and fire protection or suppression systems for each type of property. It often assists in ordering priorities for inspection, developing new building codes, and evaluating the success of programs directed at particular types of properties.

Entry

Check or mark the box best describing the specific property use. If the property use is not listed in Section J of the paper form, look up the specific property use code and enter the appropriate three-digit code and the code's description. If no property was involved in the incident (e.g., Incident Type code 611), check or mark the None box.

- ☛ If the property is a structure that is under construction, select the use for which it will be used. This is not applicable to construction site incidents (code 981). If the structure is vacant or being demolished, select its last significant use.
- ☛ Property that is mobile or in transit is reported separately, and the property it is located on at that time is reported in this entry box. If the mobile property is not in transit, indicate its current location. The most common property use classifications for structures and outside property are listed.
- ☛ **Mobile homes.** Use code 419 for mobile homes used primarily as fixed residences. Incident Type code 121 (Section C) should have been used to indicate that this was a fire in a mobile home used as a fixed residence. If the mobile home is in transit, use the code describing the property where the mobile home is located at the time of the incident.
- ☛ If the Property Type is in the 400 series, Block B1, Estimated Number of Residential Living Units in the Building on the Fire Module must be completed.
- ☛ **Property Type 500s, 600s, 700s, or 800s.** If the property use code falls in the 500, 600, 700, or 800 series, the On-Site Materials field (Section C) on the Fire Module must be completed.

Example

Fire in a small electronics warehouse (891)

J Property Use ☆ <input type="checkbox"/> None		
Structures		
131 <input type="checkbox"/> Church, place of worship	341 <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic, clinic-type infirmary	539 <input type="checkbox"/> Household goods, sales, repairs
161 <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant or cafeteria	342 <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor/Dentist office	571 <input type="checkbox"/> Gas or service station
162 <input type="checkbox"/> Bar/Tavern or nightclub	361 <input type="checkbox"/> Prison or jail, not juvenile	579 <input type="checkbox"/> Motor vehicle/Boat sales/repairs
213 <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary school, kindergarten	419 <input type="checkbox"/> 1- or 2-family dwelling	599 <input type="checkbox"/> Business office
215 <input type="checkbox"/> High school, junior high	429 <input type="checkbox"/> Multifamily dwelling	615 <input type="checkbox"/> Electric-generating plant
241 <input type="checkbox"/> College, adult education	439 <input type="checkbox"/> Rooming/Boarding house	629 <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory/Science laboratory
311 <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing home	449 <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial hotel or motel	700 <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing plant
331 <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital	459 <input type="checkbox"/> Residential, board and care	819 <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock/Poultry storage (barn)
	464 <input type="checkbox"/> Dormitory/Barracks	882 <input type="checkbox"/> Non-residential parking garage
	519 <input type="checkbox"/> Food and beverage sales	891 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warehouse
Outside		
124 <input type="checkbox"/> Playground or park	936 <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant lot	981 <input type="checkbox"/> Construction site
655 <input type="checkbox"/> Crops or orchard	938 <input type="checkbox"/> Graded/Cared for plot of land	984 <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial plant yard
669 <input type="checkbox"/> Forest (timberland)	946 <input type="checkbox"/> Lake, river, stream	
807 <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor storage area	951 <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad right-of-way	
919 <input type="checkbox"/> Dump or sanitary landfill	960 <input type="checkbox"/> Other street	
931 <input type="checkbox"/> Open land or field	961 <input type="checkbox"/> Highway/Divided highway	
	962 <input type="checkbox"/> Residential street/driveway	

Look up and enter a Property Use code and description only if you have NOT checked a Property Use box.

Property Use

Code

Property Use Description

The above example requires completion of Section C, On-Site Materials or Products, on the Fire Module. There, code 712 would be entered as the On-Site Material; Electronics Parts would be entered as the description; and the code 1 box indicating Bulk Storage or Warehousing would be checked or marked.

An alphabetized synonym list for the following Property Use codes is presented in Appendix B.

PROPERTY USE CODES

Assembly

- 111 Bowling establishment.
- 112 Billiard center, pool hall.
- 113 Electronic amusement center. Includes video arcades and the like.
- 114 Ice rink. Includes indoor or outdoor facilities for use exclusively as ice rinks. Excludes combination ice rinks/basketball or other uses (123).
- 115 Roller rink. Includes indoor or outdoor facilities for use exclusively as roller skating rinks or skateboard parks. Excludes facilities with multiple uses (123).
- 116 Swimming facility. Includes indoor or outdoor swimming pools, related cabanas, bathhouses, and equipment locations.
- 110 Fixed-use recreation places, other. Includes miniature golf courses, driving, and batting ranges.
- 121 Ballroom, gymnasium. Includes dance halls, basketball courts, indoor running tracks.
- 122 Convention center, exhibit hall. Includes large open hall without fixed seating, such as convention center, exhibit hall, armory hall, and field house.
- 123 Stadium, arena. Includes fixed seating in large areas, such as ballpark, football stadium, grandstand, and race track.
- 124 Playground or outdoor area with fixed recreational equipment.
- 129 Amusement center, indoor/outdoor. Includes carnivals, circuses. Excludes video arcades (113).
- 120 Variable-use amusement, recreation places, other.
- 131 Church, mosque. Includes synagogues, temples, chapels, religious educational facilities, and church halls.
- 134 Funeral parlor. Includes crematoriums, mortuaries, morgues, and mausoleums.

- 130 Places of worship, funeral parlors, other.
- 141 Athletic or health club. Includes YMCA or YWCA, lodge, swimming, and baths. If sleeping facilities are included, use 449.
- 142 Clubhouse associated with country club that includes golf, tennis, hunting, fishing, and riding activities.
- 143 Yacht club. Includes boating and yacht club facilities. Excludes marinas, boat mooring facilities (898); boat repair/refueling facilities (571); or boat sales, services, and repairs (579).
- 144 Casino, gambling clubs. Includes bingo halls. Use only where primary use is for gambling.
- 140 Clubs, other.
- 151 Library.
- 152 Museum. Includes art galleries, planetariums, and aquariums.
- 154 Memorial structure. Includes monuments and statues.
- 155 Courthouse. Includes courtrooms.
- 150 Public or government, other.
- 161 Restaurant or cafeteria. Places specializing in on-premises consumption of food. Includes carryout and drive-through restaurants.
- 162 Bar, nightclub, saloon, tavern, pub.
- 160 Eating, drinking places, other.
- 171 Airport passenger terminal. Includes heliports.
- 173 Bus station.
- 174 Rapid transit station. Includes subway stations, rail stations, light rail stations, monorail stations, and the like.
- 170 Passenger terminal, other.
- 181 Live performance theater.
- 182 Auditorium, concert hall.
- 183 Movie theater. Includes facilities designed exclusively for showing motion pictures.
- 185 Radio, television studio.
- 186 Film/Movie production studio. For film processing facilities, use (700). On the Fire Module, use Onsite Materials (714).
- 180 Studio, theater, other.
- 100 Assembly, other.

Educational

- 210 Schools, non-adult, other.
- 211 Preschool, not in same facility with other grades. Includes nursery schools. Excludes kindergartens (213) and daycare facilities (254, 255).
- 213 Elementary school. Includes kindergarten.
- 215 High school, junior high, middle school.
- 241 Adult education center, college classroom. Includes any building containing adult education classrooms. The building may include other uses incidental to teaching.
- 254 Day care in commercial property.
- 255 Day care in residence, licensed.
- 256 Day care in residence, unlicensed.
- 200 Educational, other.

Health Care, Detention, and Correction

- 311 Nursing homes licensed by the State, providing 24-hour nursing care for four or more persons.
- 321 Mental retardation/development disability facility that houses, on a 24-hour basis, four or more persons.
- 322 Alcohol or substance abuse recovery center where four or more persons who are incapable of self-preservation are housed on a 24-hour basis.
- 323 Asylum, mental institution. Includes facilities for the criminally insane. Must include sleeping facilities.
- 331 Hospital: medical, pediatrics, psychiatric. Includes hospital-type infirmaries and specialty hospitals where treatment is provided on a 24-hour basis.
- 332 Hospices. Includes facilities where the care and treatment of the terminally ill is provided on a 24-hour basis.
- 341 Clinic, clinic-type infirmary. Includes ambulatory care facilities. Excludes facilities that provide overnight care (331).
- 342 Doctor, dentist, or oral surgeon office.

- 343 Hemodialysis unit, free standing, not a part of a hospital.
- 340 Clinics, doctors' offices, hemodialysis centers, other.
- 361 Jail, prison (not juvenile). Excludes police stations (365) or courthouses (153) where a jail is part of the facility.
- 363 Reformatory, juvenile detention center.
- 365 Police station.
- 300 Health care, detention, and correction, other. Includes animal care.

Residential

- 419 1- or 2-family dwelling, detached, manufactured home, mobile home not in transit, duplex.
- 429 Multifamily dwelling. Includes apartments, condos, townhouses, rowhouses, tenements.
- 439 Boarding/Rooming house. Includes residential hotels and shelters.
- 449 Hotel/Motel, commercial.
- 459 Residential board and care. Includes long-term care facilities, halfway houses, and assisted-care housing facilities. Excludes nursing facilities (311).
- 460 Dormitory-type residence, other.
- 462 Sorority house, fraternity house.
- 464 Barracks, dormitory. Includes nurses' quarters, military barracks, monastery/convent dormitories, bunk houses, workers' barracks.
- 400 Residential, other.

Mercantile, Business

- 511 Convenience store. Excludes service stations with associated convenience stores (571).
- 519 Food and beverage sales, grocery store. Includes supermarkets, specialty food stores, liquor stores, dairy stores, and delicatessens.
- 529 Textile, wearing apparel sales. Includes clothing, shoes, tailor furs, and dry goods shops.
- 539 Household goods, sales, repairs. Includes furniture, appliances, hardware, paint, wallpaper, music, and video stores.
- 549 Specialty shop. Sale of materials commonly used in the home, such as books, stationery, newspapers, tobacco, licit drugs, jewelry, leather goods, flowers, optical goods. Excludes liquor stores (519).
- 557 Personal service. Includes barber and beauty shops.
- 559 Recreational stores. Includes hobby supply, sporting goods, toy, pet, photographic supply, garden supply, lumber, and fireworks stores and sales.
- 564 Laundry, dry cleaning. Includes self-service facilities.
- 569 Professional supplies, services. Includes art supply, home maintenance service, and linen supply firms.
- 571 Service station, gas station. Includes LP-gas stations with associated convenience stores and boat refueling stations. Excludes vehicle sales (579).
- 579 Motor vehicle or boat sales, services, repair. Includes facilities that have incidental fuel dispensing.
- 581 Department or discount store. Includes stores selling a wide range of items that cannot readily be classified, such as mall kiosks, drug stores, and discount buying club stores that require memberships.
- 580 General retail, other.
- 592 Bank. Includes ATM kiosks when not part of another structure.
- 593 Office: veterinary or research. Excludes laboratories (629).
- 596 Post office or mailing firms.
- 599 Business office. Includes engineering, architectural, and technical offices. Excludes military offices (631).
- 500 Mercantile, business, other.

Industrial, Utility, Defense, Agriculture, Mining

- 614 Steam- or heat-generating plant.
- 615 Electric-generating plant, regardless of fuel source. Includes power generation for public or private use, power generation for rail transport, and nuclear powerplants that generate electrical power.
- 610 Energy production plant, other.
- 629 Laboratory or science laboratory. Includes chemical, medical, biological, physical materials testing, psychological, electronics, and general research laboratories. Also includes classrooms and offices incidental to laboratory facilities. Minor laboratory areas incidental to operations in another property should be considered part of the predominating property.
- 631 Defense, military installation.

- 632 Flight control tower.
- 635 Computer center. Includes computer laboratories.
- 639 Communications center. Includes radio, TV, and telecommunications facilities.
- 642 Electrical distribution. Includes electrical substations, transformers, and utility poles.
- 644 Gas distribution, gas pipeline.
- 645 Flammable liquid distribution system, flammable liquid pipeline.
- 647 Water utility. Includes collection, treatment, storage, and distribution of water.
- 648 Sanitation utility. Includes incinerators and industrial rubbish burners. Excludes dumps and landfills.
- 640 Utility or distribution system, other.
- 655 Crops or orchard. Includes plant nurseries and greenhouses as well as the processing or packaging of agricultural crops or fruit that occurs on the property.
- 659 Livestock production. Includes milking facilities, poultry and egg production, and fish hatcheries. Excludes crops or orchard (655), meat, and milk processing plants.
- 669 Forest, timberland, woodland. Includes standing timber without logging operations; wildlife preserves; timber tracts where planting, replanting, and conservation of forests are conducted; and areas where uncultivated materials such as wild rubber, barks, and roots are gathered. Also includes facilities for extracting, concentrating, and distilling of such materials when the facilities are located within the forest. Excludes grasslands and brush (931).
- 679 Mine, quarry. Mining and quarrying of raw and natural materials. Includes underground and surface mines, gravel pits, oil wells, coal mines, ore mines, salt mines, chemical mines, stone and gravel quarries, mineral mines, peat mines, natural gas wells, and the like.
- 600 Industrial, utility, defense, agriculture, mining, other.

Manufacturing, Processing

- 700 Manufacturing, processing. Properties where there is mechanical or chemical transformation of inorganic or organic substances into new products. Includes factories making products of all kinds and properties devoted to operations such as processing, assemblies, mixing, packing, finishing or decorating, and repairing.

Storage

- 807 Outside material storage area.
- 808 Outbuilding or shed. Includes tool and contractor sheds. Excludes contractor field offices (599).
- 816 Grain elevator, silo.
- 819 Livestock, poultry storage. Includes barns, stockyards, and animal pens.
- 839 Refrigerated storage. Includes storage lockers.
- 849 Outside storage tank.
- 880 Vehicle storage, other. Includes airplane and boat hangars. Excludes parking garages (881, 882).
- 881 Parking garage, detached residential garage. Includes detached parking structures associated with multifamily housing. If the garage is attached to the residence, use the 400 series.
- 882 Parking garage, general vehicle. Includes bus, truck, fleet, or commercial parking structures.
- 888 Fire station.
- 891 Warehouse. Includes all general storage facilities. Excludes refrigerated storage (839).
- 898 Dock, marina, pier, wharf. Includes associated passenger facilities.
- 899 Residential storage or self-storage units. Includes mini-storage units.
- 800 Storage, other.

Outside or Special Property

- 919 Dump, sanitary landfill. Includes recycling collection points.
- 921 Bridge, trestle.
- 922 Tunnel.
- 926 Outbuilding, protective shelter. Includes toll booths, weather shelters, mailboxes, telephone booths, privies, charitable collection boxes, and aerial tramways. Excludes parking garages.
- 931 Open land or field. Includes grasslands and brushlands. Excludes crops or areas under cultivation.
- 935 Campsite with utilities. Includes parks for camping trailers or recreational vehicles.

936	Vacant lot. Undeveloped land, not paved, may include incidental untended plant growth or building materials or debris.
937	Beach.
938	Graded and cared-for plots of land. Includes parks, cemeteries, golf courses, and residential yards.
941	Open ocean, sea, or tidal waters. Includes ports. Excludes piers and wharves (898).
946	Lake, river, stream.
940	Water area, other.
951	Railroad right-of-way. Includes light rail or rapid transit when their right-of-way usage is exclusive (i.e., not part of the street).
952	Railroad yard, switch or classification area.
961	Highway or divided highway. Includes limited-access highways with few intersections or at grade crossings.
962	Residential street, road, or residential driveway.
963	Street or road in commercial area.
965	Vehicle parking area. Excludes parking garages (882). Includes paved non-residential driveways.
960	Street, other.
972	Aircraft runway.
973	Aircraft taxiway. Includes all aircraft operation areas other than runways and aircraft loading areas (974).
974	Aircraft loading area. Includes helipads and helistops.
981	Construction site. Excludes buildings under construction or demolition. Buildings or structures under construction or demolition should be classified by their proposed or former use.
982	Oil or gas field.
983	Pipeline, power line, or other utility right-of-way.
984	Industrial plant yard area, not outdoor storage.
900	Outside or special property, other.
000	Property use, other.
NNN	None.
UUU	Undetermined.

SECTION K

The entries for Section K are for identifying both the property occupant and the property owner involved in the incident. One completed example is presented at the end of Block K1 that shows all the field entries for both Blocks K1 and K2.

K1 Person/Entity Involved

Business Name

Definition

The full name of the company or agency occupying, managing, or leasing the property where the incident occurred.

Purpose

This element provides a basis for long-term analysis in recognizing patterns of repeated fires in the same or different locations over a period of time. The business name is required at the local government level to establish an official document of record.

Entry

Enter the full name of the company or agency occupying the property where the incident occurred. This may or may not be the same as the owner.