

Assembly Occupancy Permits

In Merced County you are required to obtain an annual permit to operate your place of assembly. Assembly occupancies including eating and drinking establishments, churches, public gathering places, and entertainment venues. The cost for a permit is:

Assembly 1: (A-1) Occupancy for Theaters, Viewing Halls, Etc- \$297

Assembly 2: (A-2) Occupancy for Restaurants, Churches, Drinking Establishments- \$255

Assembly 3: (A-3) Occupancy for Smaller Church Facilities, Recreation, Amusement Buildings- \$230

Assembly 4/5: (A-4/5) Occupancy for Indoor/Outdoor Events- \$230

To obtain a permit you must first request an inspection by the Merced County Fire Department. To assist you in preparing for this inspection you can view our [General Inspection Checklist](#) and [Group A & E Supplemental](#) document on our website at www.co.merced.ca.us or call our Prevention office at (209) 385-7347

Nationally, between 2004 and 2008, an estimated average of 8,160 structure fires were reported in these properties per year, causing an annual average of three civilian deaths, 100 civilian fire injuries, and \$229 million in direct property damage. Fire Life and Safety inspections are designed to point out potential fire hazards. With our continued support regarding fire prevention to your facility, it will further decrease the chance of a fire resulting in life or property damage to yourself or the public.