

# BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TYPES

**Building construction types categorize buildings based on the combustibility and the fire resistance of structural, interior and exterior elements.**



## TYPE I

Construction in which building elements are fire resistive and/or noncombustible. Highest degree of fire resistance.



## TYPE II

Construction in which building elements are noncombustible. Fire resistive elements are non inclusive, resulting in a lower degree of fire resistance than Type I construction.



## TYPE III

Construction in which exterior building elements are noncombustible and interior building elements are either combustible or noncombustible.



## TYPE IV

Construction in which the exterior elements are noncombustible and interior building elements are of solid or laminated combustible wood without concealed spaces.



## TYPE V

Construction in which structural elements, exterior elements and interior elements are combustible.

For additional information, refer to **Section 602: Construction Classification** of the **International Building Code** (available on our website).