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).