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### TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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**Topic:**                   **Mausoleums**

This document is to clarify the occupancy classification of a mausoleum. A mausoleum is not specifically classified in the *Building Code of New York State* (BCNYS). A mausoleum which does not have an assembly space is classified as a Group U occupancy classification. A mausoleum is not occupied by living persons. BCNYS Chapter 29, does NOT require toilet rooms for a U occupancy building nor does Chapter 9 require an automatic sprinkler system.

However, situations may arise where a mausoleum building includes assembly space such as a chapel. In this case, the building would be classified as an A-3 occupancy classification. BCNYS Section 903.2.1.3 may require an automatic sprinkler system based on the fire area of the building or the number of occupants in the assembly space. Additionally, Section 2902.1, requires the minimum number of plumbing facilities based on the number of occupants in the assembly space.

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