

A GUIDE TO USE OF THE KENTUCKY BUILDING CODE

The following step-by-step approach is recommended for use in determining the code's application to particular buildings and occupancies.

1. **Construction documents:** Determine compliance with the requirements for construction documents in Sections 107.0, 114.0, 703.0, 903.0, 1003.0, 1203.0, 1303.0, 1503.0, 1603.0, 1703.0, 1804.0, 2103.0, 2702.0, 2802.0, 2902.0, 3003.0, 3102.4 and 3302.0.
2. **Use group:** Determine the appropriate use group classification of the building. See Section 302.0 for a listing of all use groups and Sections 303.0 through 312.0 for a description of each use group.
3. **Height and area:** Determine the type of construction required based on the building use group and the height and area limitations of Chapter 5. See Sections 503.0 through 507.0, as well as Table 503 for general limitations and exceptions.
4. **Type of construction:** Determine compliance with the required type of construction of the building by the building materials used and the fire-resistance rating of the building elements. See Section 602.0 and Table 602 for a listing of all of the types of construction, and Sections 603.0 through 606.0 for a description of each type of construction.
5. **Siting:** Determine the location of the building on the site, including separation distances from lot lines and other buildings. See Section 705.0 for exterior wall and wall opening requirements based on proximity to lot lines and adjacent buildings.
6. **Fire performance:** Determine compliance with detailed requirements for fire-resistance (Chapter 7) and fire protection systems (Chapter 9).
7. **Interior environment and design:** Determine compliance with special use and occupancy requirements (Chapter 4), means of egress requirements (Chapter 10), accessibility requirements (Chapter 11) and interior environment requirements (Chapter 12).
8. **Exterior envelope:** Determine compliance with exterior envelope requirements (Chapters 14 and 15) as well as energy conservation (Chapter 13).
9. **Structural performance:** Determine compliance with structural requirements (Chapters 16 and 18) and building material requirements (Chapters 17 and 19 through 26).
10. **Building service system:** Determine compliance with various building service system requirements (Chapters 27 through 30).