



## What Buildings Must Comply with the Energy Code?



Residential home in Southern Nevada.

The energy code applies to all new residential and commercial buildings, and additions to such buildings. Residential buildings are defined as buildings three stories or less in height above grade where the occupants can live for a long time (e.g., houses, apartments, dormitories, but not hotels/motels). Commercial buildings are simply defined as all buildings that do not fall into the "residential" category.

Buildings with very low energy use (peak design rate of energy usage less than 3.4 Btu/h per square foot) and buildings that are neither heated nor cooled are exempt from the energy code. Commercial buildings with service water heating and/or electric lighting must comply with the energy code regardless of their exempt status.