Emergency Escape and Rescue Opening Requirements for Church Classrooms

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**Section:** 1030  
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**Question:**
For a church classroom of children 12th grade and under, which would be Group E except that it qualifies as occupancy classification A-3 by Sections 303.1.4 and 305.1.1, do the emergency escape and rescue opening requirements of Section 1030 apply?

**Answer:**
Yes. Although the occupancy classification has changed from Group E to Group A-3, the hazard and “use” remain the same.

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