# Site Groups

Stages™ organizes sites by Site Groups. Sites can belong to one or more site groups. Site groups can represent different relations. Some types of site groups include dealers, installers, branches, homeowner associations, service companies… Site groups can have contacts that can be referenced in dispatch and notification. Sites can be searched by site group. Site Groups can be used to link sites together in a Multiple Location Account.

In the Site Group Type window (Setup > Site Setup > Site Group Type), site group types are entered, and applied a hierarchy for how they affect a site. The Rule Order field indicates which type has precedence for Signal Processing and Action Plan. Rule Order affects Action Plan Rules on the same level of the hierarchy. If one Site Group has a matching Action Plan Rule on a higher level than another Site Group, the higher level Action Plan will be followed regardless of the Rule Order. The Site Group Type can be flagged as 'Exclude On Dispatch' to remove the Site Groups of this type from the list of Site Groups on the Alarm Dispatch site summary.