

benzylic groups

Arylmethyl groups and derivatives formed by substitution: ArCR_2- , Benzyl, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2-$, is the prototype. The term 'benzylic position' or 'benzylic site' refers to the saturated carbon atom. A group, such as $-\text{OH}$, attached at a benzylic site is sometimes referred to as 'benzylic'.

Source:

PAC, 1995, 67, 1307 (*Glossary of class names of organic compounds and reactivity intermediates based on structure (IUPAC Recommendations 1995)*) on page 1322