

Specifications

Fire Extinguishers:

- A minimum of one dry chemical fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10B:C
- The handle must be no more than 5 feet from the top of the handle to the floor
- The bottom of the fire extinguisher must be at least 4" from the floor



Location of a manual pull station:

- Near a location on the way out of the home
- Mounted so that the handle is between 42" and 54" above the floor



Location of horn strobe(s):

- In a central location so the entire day care portion of the home can hear the alarm
- Mounted so that the lens of the strobe is between 80" and 96" above the floor



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*Small & Large Family
Day Care Requirements*



Family Day Care

What is a Family Day Care?

- Home licensed to provide day care less than 24 hours per day
- Cares for 14 or fewer children
- Care provider lives in the home

Small Versus Large Family Day Care

- Small = 8 or fewer children
- Large = 9 to 14 children
- Includes children less than 10 years old who live in the home with the provider

Fire and Life Safety Requirements

Small and large family day care are required to have the following:

- Smoke alarms in every sleeping area/room, hallways and in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms, each story of the home, including basements
- Carbon monoxide alarms on every floor of the home, including basements
- At least one fire extinguisher serviced and tag (by State License) annually

Other requirements:

- If a basement is being used for day care purposes, then one of the two required exits shall provide access directly to the exterior without entering the first story
- Rooms used for day care purposes shall not be located above the first story except for buildings equipped with an automatic sprinkler system and have at least one of the required exits providing access directly to the exterior

Large Family Day Care Requirements

- Every large family day care home shall be provided with at least one manual fire alarm box at a location approved by the Fire Inspector. This device shall activate a fire alarm signal, which shall be audible throughout the facility at a minimum level of 15 dB above ambient noise level. Such device shall be attached to the structure and must be a device that is listed and approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal
- Every story or basement of a large family day care home shall be provided with two exits which are remotely located from each other
- Every required exit shall be of a size to permit the installation of a door not less than 32 inches in clear width and not less than 6 feet 8 inches in height. A manually operated horizontal sliding door may be used as one of the two required exits.
- Exit doors, including manually operated horizontal sliding doors, shall be openable from the inside without use of a key or any special knowledge or effort