

STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
Minimum Requirements For Day Care Centers

	Child Day Care	Family Group Day Care	Family Home Day Care
Number of Children:	More Than 12	7 to 12	6
Occupant Load Factor:	1 Person/35 SF	No Requirements	No Requirements
Sprinkler:	Only if Children are located above or below ground level & bldg. is not noncombustible or fire resistive.	No Requirements	No Requirements
Fire Alarm System Throughout Building:	Required	Hardwired electric smoke detectors are required in sleeping rooms and corridors of group day cares. Audio Visual warning is required if there are hearing impaired individuals in the facility. In mixed occupancies, if exiting required the use of a common corridor, then an electrically supervised fire alarm system with early detection shall be required.	Not Required
Smoke Detectors:	Connected to Fire Alarm System	See Fire Alarm Requirements	Hardwired 110 Volt Single-Station
Number of Exits:	2 Remote from each floor.	2 Remote exits from each floor. One, an outside door directly out. Second, permitted to be an RV window.	2 Remote from each floor. Second permitted to be a window.
Travel Distance to Exits (Ft):	150 (from any point in a room)	150 (from any point in a room)	150 (from any point in a room)
Dead Ends:	20 Feet Max	20 Feet Max	20 Feet Max
Exit Discharge:	To Outside	At least one directly to outside	At least one directly to outside.
Fire Drills:	1 per month	1 per month	1 per month

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Door Latches (Closet)	Child can open from inside.	Child can open from inside.	Child can open from inside.
Door Locks (Bathroom)	Staff can unlock without key in an emergency.	Staff can unlock without key in an emergency.	Staff can unlock without key in an emergency.
Illumination of Means of Egress:	If used after daylight hours.	If used after daylight hours.	If used after daylight hours.
Exit Signs:	Required	Not Required	Not Required
Emergency Lighting:	Exits & Windowless rooms.	Not Required Operable flashlight for each staff member.	Not Required Operable flashlight for each staff member.
Protection of Vertical Openings:	1-hour separation	20-minute separation	Not Required
Hazard Protection:	1-hr. enclosure or automatic sprinklers.	Not Required	Not Required
Interior Wall & Ceiling Finish:	Class A in exits Class B other areas	Class A or B in exits only	Class A or B in exits only
Exit Corridor Width:	44 inches clear width	Not Required	Not Required
Corridor Wall Separation:	1-hr. unless sprinklered or outside door from each classroom.	Not Required	Not Required
Windows in sleeping, living & Dining Rooms For Rescue/ Ventilation:	Required unless sprinklered or outside door	Required	Not Required
Fire Extinguishers:	Required	Required	Required
Electrical Equipment:	Shall meet NFPA 70 (Receptacle covers required)	Shall meet NFPA 70 (Receptacle covers required)	Shall meet NFPA 70 (Receptacle covers required)
Unvented Fuel-Fired Heaters:	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Carpet:	Shall meet SFC Section 7	Not Required	Not Required