

Licensed Large Family Day Care Facility Requirements

- State Fire Marshal-listed single-station residential-type smoke alarms shall be installed within the residence as required by the Code in effect at the time the residence was constructed. Detectors shall be maintained.
- Homes constructed prior to the building code requirement for installation of smoke alarms shall install battery operated units in locations specified in current California Fire & Building codes. Additional smoke alarms shall be added in areas children will inhabit, such as designated napping areas, playrooms, etc.
- A 2A-10BC rated portable fire extinguisher shall be provided in an accessible location. The extinguisher shall be serviced annually by a licensed company.
- A manual pull station with a bell device (may be supplied by an approved battery system) shall be attached to the structure. A system constructed on a hanging board is acceptable, at an accessible location where it is audible throughout the structure. The alarm shall be maintained.
- Two remotely located exits shall be provided. One exit may be a horizontal sliding door. No exits may pass through the kitchen. The exit must provide access to a public way.
- Exit doors shall be no less than 32 inches in width and 6 feet 8 inches in height.
- Basements shall have one of the two required exits going directly to the outside without passing through the first floor.
- Rooms used for daycare purposes shall not be located above the first floor. In lieu of this requirement, the operator may install a residential sprinkler system and provide one of the two required exits from the second floor directly to the exterior of the building.
- Exit doors, including a horizontal sliding door or yard gate, shall be operable from the inside without the use of a key or any special knowledge or effort. Manually operated or key operated deadbolts, chains, etc., are not allowed. A deadbolt lock may be utilized if it is inter-tied to the inside exit door lever.
- Exit pathways shall be clear and accessible to the public right-of-way. Exits through the back yard shall be accessible. If a rear yard has a 50-foot separation from the house to an area of safe refuge and the area has room to occupy three (3) square feet per occupant, the exit may end at this location rather than exiting to the public right-of-way.
- An approved number or address must be posted on the building in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property.
- Garages shall be separated from living areas by materials equivalent to one-half hour fire restrictive construction on the garage side and a self-closing, tight-fitting door 1-3/8" in thickness.

- Unenclosed gas-fired water heaters or furnaces shall be protected in such a way as to prevent children from making contact with those appliances.
- An emergency evacuation plan shall be posted in an accessible area. The plan shall include the names of the responsible parties, emergency phone numbers, and an evacuation plan. Fire Drills shall be coordinated with the details of the Emergency Evacuation Plan.
- Written records of monthly fire drills shall be maintained and provided on request. The fire drill shall be held in accordance with the emergency evacuation plan.
- A hard-wire phone (land line) shall be installed and available to staff for emergency use during a power outage.
- Pre-license inspection is required prior to occupancy.