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LARGE FAMILY DAY CARE REGULATIONS GROUP R, DIVISION 3

The following is a checklist of California State Fire Marshal regulations for Large Family Day Care occupancies.

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- Single station smoke detectors are required and the Inspector will determine the number and location. These will be typically required in sleeping rooms and in any hallway leading to the sleeping rooms (CBC 310.15.2).
- A minimum of one fire extinguisher rated 2A:10B,C is required. It shall be visible, unobstructed and mounted about 4 feet above the floor in a location to be determined by the Inspector (CBC 310. 15.3).
- An alarm sounding device, distinctive in tone and audible throughout the building shall be installed and attached to the structure. The Inspector shall determine the location of the alarm device. The alarm must be maintained unassisted once activated (CBC 310.15. 4).
- Rooms used for day care shall not be located above the first story unless the building is fully fire sprinkled (per NFPA 13D) **and** one of the exits for the story must exit directly to the exterior (CBC 1025). The first floor shall be designated as the floor nearest street level used for residential occupancy (CBC 310.15.5).
- Exits shall not pass through any room subject to locking (CBC 1004.2.2, Exception 7).
- Exit doors, including horizontal sliding doors, shall be openable without use of a key or any special knowledge or effort. Locking/latching hardware must open with one action and no more than 2 approved locking/latching devices may be installed on an exit door (CBC 1025).
- Exit doors and every doorway within an accessible route of travel, shall be 32 inches in clear width, 6 feet 8 inches in height, and openable to at least 90 degrees. (CBC 1003.3.1.2).
- Every basement or story shall have at least two exits. A manually operated sliding door may be used as one of the two required exits when serving an occupant load of 14 or less. (CBC 1003.3.1.2).
- When a basement is used for day care, one exit must go directly outside. The other may pass through the story above (CBC 1007.6.3.8).