

Child Day Care Facilities Policy Guidelines and Requirements

Code Inspections Inc.

All the following information shall be given to Building Code Official for approval.

- ____ Completed Code Inspections Inc Permit Application
- ____ Two (2) sets of Building Floor plans showing all floors.
- ____ Plans shall include all the applicable information listed below.

Definition:

Child Day Care Facility- A dwelling unit where child day care services are provided for less than 24 hours for 4 to 12 children is an R-3 occupancy if the dwelling unit is used primarily as a private residences and the provision of day care services is accessory to the principal use of the dwelling unit as a residence.

- 1. A day care facility, which provides day care services to 4-6 children shall comply with all of the following:**
 - A. Have a smoke detector on each floor and in the basement. The smoke detector may be powered by a nonreplicable, UL listed lithium battery that is warranted for 10 years and should sound an alarm when activated that is audible to persons in the unit's indoor child care space with all intervening doors closed. Where this type of detector is utilized, the unit owner of the detector shall keep the proof and date of purchase of the detector in the unit's fire drill logs.
 - B. Have a portable fire extinguisher rated for Class B Fires in the kitchen and other cooking areas.
 - C. Meet the exiting requirements for a R-3 Occupancy and licensure under 55 Ps. Code Chapter 3290 (relating to family day care homes).
 1. Stairways, hallways, exits from rooms, exits from the facility and other means of egress serving as an exit shall be unobstructed.
 2. Protective gates and devices that can be opened easily are permitted, if they open easily and are not disapproved by building codes or local ordinances.
 3. If a door or doorway opens or exits directly into a stairwell and if there is no landing beyond the door or doorway, the door shall be resisted from opening or shall be removed and a secure barrier to prevent access to the stairwell shall be erected.

- 2. A Day care facility that is a R-3 Occupancy, which provides day care services to 7-12 children shall comply with all the following:**

- A. Have a interconnected smoke detector system.
 - B. Have a fire extinguisher rated for Class B Fires in the kitchen and other cooking areas.
 - C. Meet the exiting requirements for a R-3 Occupancy and licensure under 55 Pa. Code Chapter 3280 (relating to group child care homes).
 - 1. Stairways, hallways, exits from rooms, exits from the facility and other means of egress serving as an exit shall be unobstructed.
 - 2. Protective gates are permitted, if they open easily and are not disapproved by building codes or local ordinances.
 - 3. If a door or doorway opens or exits directly into a stairwell and if there is no landing beyond the door or doorway, the door shall be restricted from the opening or shall be removed and a secure barrier to prevent access to the stairwell shall be erected.
- 3. All other child day care facilities shall be classified under Chapter 2 of the “International Building Code”. The facilities shall meet all Uniform Construction Code standards for these occupancy classifications.**