LARGE FAMILY DAY CARE REQUIREMENTS

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Definition: Home licensed to provide day care less than 24 hours per day for nine to fourteen persons, including children under the age of 10 years who reside at the home.

Occupancy: R3

1. **Smoke Detector**

   Install single station smoke alarms in each sleeping room and on the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bed rooms. In multi-level dwellings and dwellings with basements, a detector shall be installed on each story and in the basement. **CBC 907.2.10.1.2**

2. **Fire Drills**

   a) A dependable means of sounding a fire alarm that can be heard throughout your home shall be provided. A smoke detector mounted on a wall forty-eight (48) inches from the floor would be an acceptable method of sounding an alarm. **CBC 310.3.4**

Note: This will be in addition to the unit located in the hall serving the sleeping areas.

   b) A fire drill must be conducted a minimum of once a month. A log of events shall be kept for review by the fire inspector. Failure to maintain records may result in a citation or additional charges for inspections to ensure drills are being performed. **CFC 102.8**

3. **Fire Extinguishers**

   a) Provide one (1) 2A:10B:C type fire extinguisher, mounted three and one-half to five feet from the floor and located near the kitchen area. Extinguisher(s) shall be serviced yearly, when pressure is low, and/or after use. **CBC 310.3.3**

   b) Extinguisher must be accessible.

4. Additional Areas of Concern

a) Operation of exit doors and exterior yard gates must be without a key or any special knowledge or effort from the inside. If latch and lock bolt is provided, a single turn of the knob should release both. **CBC 1015.7**

b) Storage of combustibles in water heater closets (including accumulation of lint and spider webs) is not permitted. **CFC 305.1**

c) Electrical extension cords are not to be used. Cords on appliances will be checked. **CFC 605.5**

d) Weeds, large piles of debris, and trash shall be cleared away. **CFC 304.1.2**

e) Properly store flammable or combustible liquids in safety cans away from sources of ignition, i.e., gasoline next to water heater. **CFC Chapter 24**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Fire Prevention:

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