



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

LARGE FAMILY DAY-CARE CHECKLIST

1. PERMITS

a. Fire clearance

Community Care Licensing requires that homes in which day-care is provided for from nine to fourteen children pass a fire clearance inspection prior to being licensed.

b. Garage

Day-care is not allowed in the garage unless a change in use permit has been obtained from Planning and Development Review (i.e. Building Department).

2. MEANS OF EGRESS

a. Exits required

Two exits must be provided which are remotely located from each other. One of these may be a sliding glass door.

b. Location

Day-care may not be allowed on the second floor unless the building is sprinklered and has two exits from the second floor, one of which provides access directly to the exterior. A basement may not be used unless it has two exits, one of which provides access directly to the exterior.

c. Locking devices

Exits shall open from the inside without the use of a key or any special knowledge or effort. A maximum of two knobs/locking devices may be allowed on the main exit door.

d. Security bars

Security bars in rooms used for sleeping {unless there is a door leading to the outside} or on any required exit must be equipped with an approved release mechanism openable from the inside without the use of a key or any special knowledge or effort.

3. ELECTRICAL

a. Extension cords

Extension cords shall not be used in place of permanent wiring and shall only be used with portable appliances. Multi-plug adapters, multi-plug extension cords, cube adapters, and other strip plugs shall not be used.

b. Power strips with surge protection

Power strips with surge protection and UL 1363 listing are allowed. The power strip must plug directly into the wall with the appliances plugged directly into the power strip. Power strips cannot be plugged into other power strips.

4. ***FIRE PROTECTION***

a. Fire extinguisher

A 2A10BC extinguisher must be provided. The extinguisher must be mounted 3' to 5' off the floor. The extinguisher must be serviced annually and have a California State Fire Marshal certification tag attached.

b. Smoke detectors

Single station battery operated smoke detectors are required in any area in which the children sleep. If the family room is used for the children's naps, then smoke detectors are required there. If bedrooms are used, the bedrooms and the hall outside the bedrooms should have smoke detectors.

c. Alarm

A device suitable for sounding an alarm must be provided. We recommend a personal alarm device which can be obtained from an electronics store. It should be mounted in a permanent location.

5. ***GENERAL FIRE SAFETY***

a. Appliances and heat-producing equipment

Any gas appliance must have a shut-off valve on the gas line.

A means to protect children from any gas-fired water heater or furnace which they could touch must be provided. Combustible materials should not be stored adjacent to heat-producing equipment.

b. Premises identification

The address of the building must be visible from the street. The numbers shall contrast with their background with a minimum height of 4 inches.

6. ***FIRE RESISTIVE BARRIERS***

a. Occupancy separation

A garage must be separated from the residence by fire-resistive construction. If there is a door opening from the garage into the residence, it must be a 1 3/8" solid core door equipped with a self-closing device.

7. ***EMERGENCY PLAN***

a. Fire drills

Fire drills are recommended monthly.