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General Requirements for Large Family Daycare Homes

Listed below for your assistance is a checklist of fire and life safety requirements for Residential Large Family Day Care facilities. These items must be completed prior to the Fire Department granting a fire clearance.

I. ITEMS REQUIRED ON BULLETIN BOARD:

- 1) Emergency evacuation drawing
 - a) Show both primary and secondary exits in contrasting colors.
 - b) Show location of ALL fire extinguishers.
 - c) Show location of manual pull station(s) and alarm device(s).
 - d) Show location for outside meeting place for emergency evacuation.
- 2) Emergency telephone number **INCLUDING 9-1-1** that can be easily read under adverse conditions.

II. ITEMS TO BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES:

- 1) Child care facilities shall not be located above or below the first story of the dwelling, unless they comply with California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2 (California Building Code). Contact this agency for a list of requirements related to the proposed use of either a second floor or basement area.
- 2) Child care facilities shall not be located within the garage area of the dwelling, unless they comply with zoning requirements for the City of Folsom, and fire safety construction requirements found in California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2 (California Building Code). Contact this agency for a list of requirements related to the proposed use of the garage area.
- 3) Every large family day-care home shall provide hard-wired multi-station smoke alarms, which are approved by the State Fire Marshal, within all sleeping areas and hallways leading to sleeping areas. Smoke alarm batteries shall be changed every six months.
- 4) Every large family day-care home shall be provided with at least one manual device at a location approved by the fire department. Such device shall actuate a fire alarm signal, which shall be audible throughout the facility at a minimum level of 15db above ambient noise. This device need not be interconnected to any other fire alarm device, have a control panel, or be electrically supervised or provided with emergency power. Such device or devices shall be attached to the structure and may be of any type acceptable to the enforcing agency, provided that such devices are distinctive in tone and are audible throughout the structure.
- 5) Every large family day-care home shall be equipped with a portable fire extinguisher having a minimum classification of 2A-10B:C. It is your responsibility to know how to use and be familiar with your fire extinguisher. A monthly visual inspection shall be conducted by the provider and a record maintained of inspections. Portable fire extinguishers shall be serviced annually (or after each use, OR if the seal is broken) by a state licensed professional. Portable fire extinguishers shall be mounted on the wall so they will be readily accessible and visible. Fire extinguishers shall be mounted such that the fire extinguisher

handle is within 5 feet of the floor. If there are doubts for the mounting location, contact this office for assistance.

- 6) Every large family day-care home shall be provided with at least two approved exits from the structure. Every required exit doorway shall be of a size to permit the installation of a door not less than 32 inches in clear width and not less than 6 feet 8 inches in clear height. A manually operated horizontal sliding door may be used as one of the two required exits. If there is a screen on the glass patio door, the lock shall be removed. (Horizontal blinds or other window treatments which would impede emergency evacuation are PROHIBITED.)
- 7) Every large family day-care home shall have exit doors that are operable from the inside of the building without the use of a key or any special knowledge. Exit doors equipped with dead bolt and other latching equipment shall open in conjunction with the simultaneous movement of the door handle.
- 8) Every large family day-care home equipped with gates situated across exit paths leading from the yard shall conform to the requirements of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2 (California Building Code). Gates shall swing in the direction of travel towards the front yard, and shall be operable from the enclosed yard side without the use of a key or any special knowledge.
- 9) Extension cords shall not be used as a substitute for permanent wiring.
- 10) Every large family day-care home shall conduct fire drills on a monthly basis. They shall be annotated on a log, and the log shall be maintained at the facility. See attached fire drill log.
- 11) Do not store any flammable liquids/solids within your facility.
- 12) Lint traps and lint trap holders on clothes dryers shall be cleaned after each use.
- 13) Every large family day-care home shall maintain a self-closing solid core (1-3/8 inch thick) door between the living area and the garage.
- 14) Every large family day-care home shall have the garage or carport separated from the remainder of the structure by materials approved from one-hour fire resistive construction on the garage side or equivalent materials as determined by the fire department. (This is generally 5/8 inch Type X sheetrock that has been taped and sealed at the joints with no holes in the sheetrock.)
- 15) Every large family day-care home shall adequately protect exposed gas water heaters **OR** furnaces which are located within the area used for child care in such a way as to protect children from making contact with those appliances. **Fireplaces, wood burning stoves and open-faced heaters shall be screened to prevent access by children.**
- 16) Every large family day-care home shall provide good housekeeping habits that will decrease the chance of fire within your facility. Keep in mind, fire can happen anytime, anywhere and to anyone. The more you are aware of any fire and/or life safety hazards, the better chance of your clients surviving any disaster. Know where your electrical, gas and water shut-offs are located. Make sure ALL staff members know how to turn these utilities off. Training for you and your staff is of the utmost importance and emergency training should never be taken lightly.

Day care program space shall be confined to the area(s) approved by the Fire Department.