

Large Family Day Care State and Local Regulations

Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District
Bureau of Fire Prevention
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(Please call for appointment when you are ready for inspection)



Note: these requirements are from the California Building Code and California Fire Code. They do not include or address every possible code or situation.

INSPECTION FEES

Rodeo and Hercules Residents Only

The State Fire Marshal has set guidelines to promote fire and life safety standards for the children in large family day care homes. The Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District has created this self-guided booklet to assist you in preparing your home for your fire clearance inspection. We encourage you to read this booklet and call the Fire Inspector if you have any questions. Inspection fees must be paid in advance. A representative of the Fire District will schedule an appointment with you during regular business hours.

850 INSPECTIONS

Pre-Inspection (Recommended) - An inspector guided walk-through of your facility to check for compliance and to consult on potential code violations. Issues can be corrected and another pre-inspection or final inspection can be scheduled for a later date. If there are no compliance issues, you may obtain fire clearance, however your pre-inspection fees still apply.

Final Inspection (PASS/FAIL) – A home inspection to grant fire clearance for your facility. A failure results in denial of fire clearance. You will need to re initiate the application process through DSS.

Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District Inspection Fee Schedule

<u>Type</u>	<u>Inspection</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Pre Inspection		Minimum Charge: 1 hour
\$255.00		
Final Inspection		No Charge (PASS/FAIL)

PAYMENT

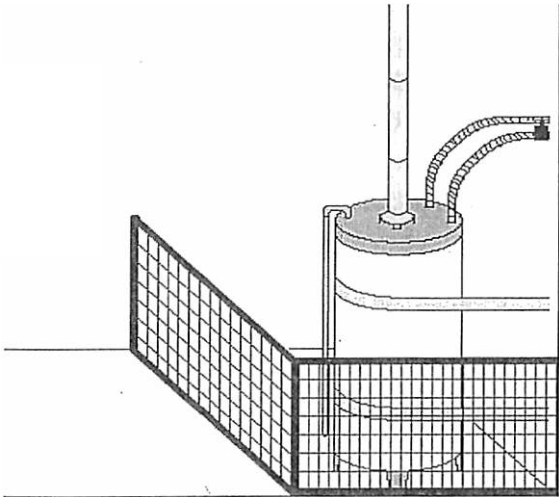
Upon completion of inspection, the District will send a bill to the applicant, mailed to the address of the facility, unless otherwise requested.

Inspection Checklist for Large Family Day Care Occupancies

2019 California Building Code defines a Large Family Day-Care Home as a provider's own home which is licensed to provide day care for periods less than 24 hours per day for 9-14 persons, including children under the age of 10 years who reside at the home.

1. Address shall be visible and legible from the street. (CFC 505.1)
2. All day care rooms should be located on the first floor. (CBC 1015.7)
3. If the basement is used for day care purposes, it must have an exit leading directly to the outside. (CBC 1015.7)
4. Two exits, remote from each other, are required. Exit doors must open without a key, special effort or knowledge. A horizontal sliding door may be used as one of the two exits. (CFC and CBC 1015.7) A side gate must also conform to easy access exiting. (CFC 1008.1.9.2)
5. All day care areas shall have approved smoke detectors mounted on the ceiling in the center of the room. (CFC 907.2.11.2.1, 907.2.11.3)
6. Every Large Family Day Care shall be provided with at least one manual device, which shall actuate a fire alarm signal which shall be audible throughout the facility at a minimum level of 15 decibels above ambient noise. (CFC 907.2.6.4)
7. One 2A:10BC rated fire extinguisher shall be mounted in a visible and accessible location with the top of the extinguisher no higher than 5 feet. Fire extinguishers shall be serviced annually with a service tag attached. (CBC§ 445.4)
8. Enclose all gas fired water heaters and furnaces if they are located in day care areas. (CFC 603.5.1, CBC 445.7)
9. Storage and use of more than 5 gallons of flammable liquids requires a permit. (CFC 105.6.16)
10. A self-closing door (equivalent to a solid core, 1 ³/₈ inch, 20-min rated) is required between the home and the attached garage. No doorstops are allowed. (CBC 406.3.4)
11. All Large Family Day Care homes shall be equipped with a Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm. (CBC 420.6.2.3)
- 12. Permits approved by the building official shall be presented to the inspector for all additions, remodels or conversions.**

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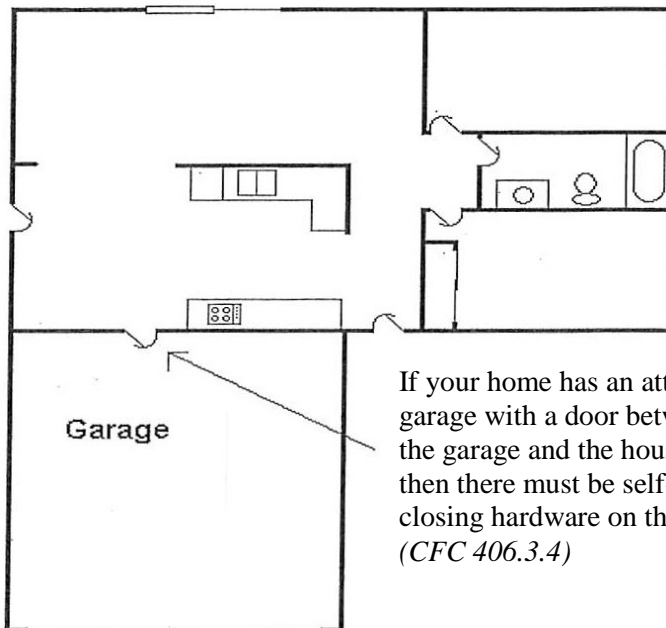
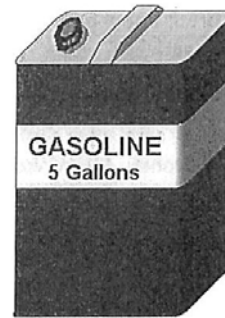


Gas Appliances:

Enclose gas-fired water heaters and furnaces in the day care area to keep children from touching or playing with these appliances. (CFC 603.5.1, CBC 445.7)

Flammable liquids:

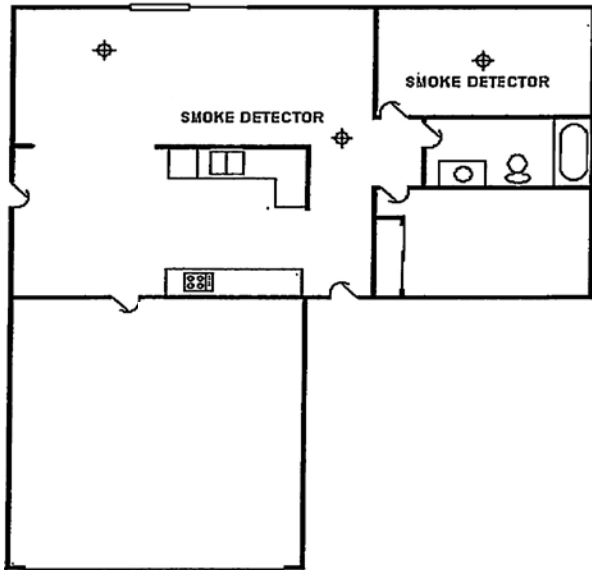
Storage and use of more than 5 gallons indoors or 10 gallons outdoors of gasoline or other flammable liquid requires a permit. (CFC 105.6.16)



If your home has an attached garage with a door between the garage and the house, then there must be self-closing hardware on the door. (CFC 406.3.4)

Smoke Detector Placement

Provide a residential-type smoke detector approved by the State Fire Marshal for all areas occupied by children
(CBC 445.3 and CFC 907.2.11.2)



Inside and directly outside all bedrooms, sleeping rooms, and rooms occupied by children (i.e. playrooms), there must be a smoke detector.

Smoke detectors are not required in kitchens and bathrooms.

Battery Power OK.

- Spot-type smoke detectors shall be located on the ceiling or, if on a sidewall, between the ceiling and 12 in. (300 mm) down from the ceiling to the top of the detector.

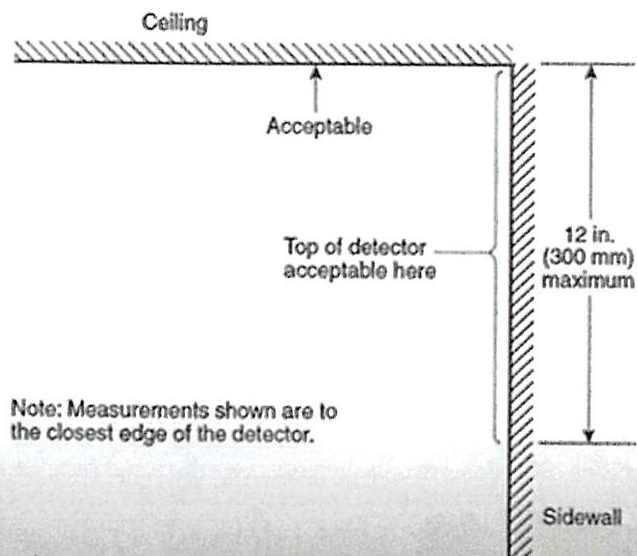


FIGURE A.17.7.3.2.1 Example of Proper Mounting of Smoke Detectors.

Fire Alarm Pull Stations

(CFC and CBC 907.2.6.4)



Horn/Strobe combinations are allowed as an alternative to bells.

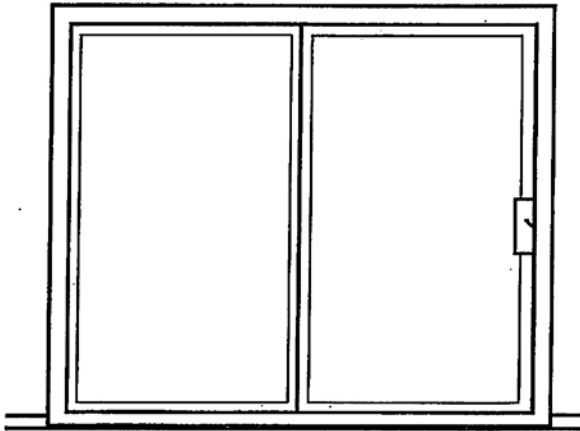
Horn *OR* Bell must be audible throughout the home.



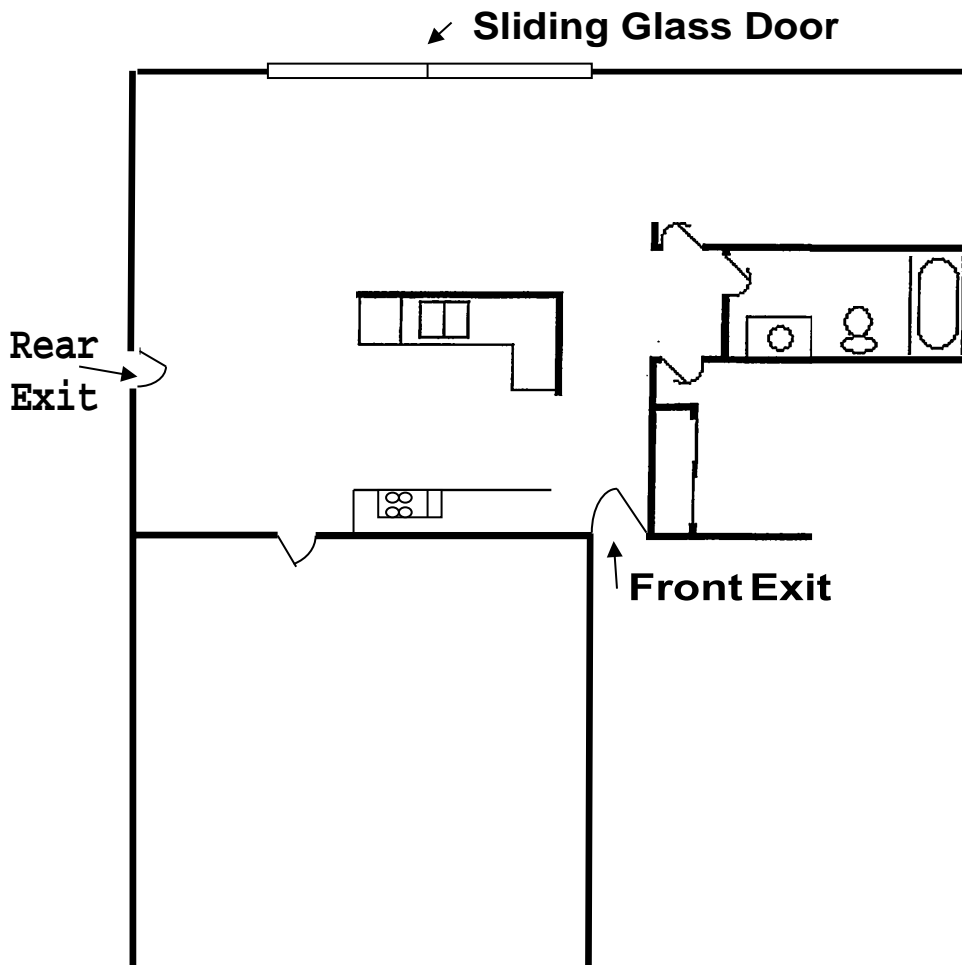
Fire alarm pull station example- there are many types and brands to choose from.

Two Exits Required

A sliding glass door may be used for one of the two exits. (*CBC 1015.7*)

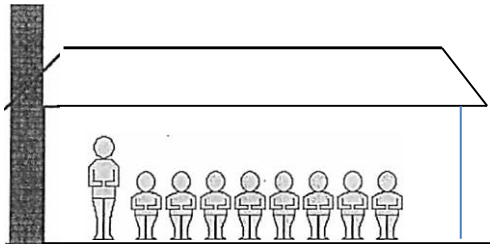


On sliding doors only the manufacturer's locking hardware is allowed. No additional locks may be added.

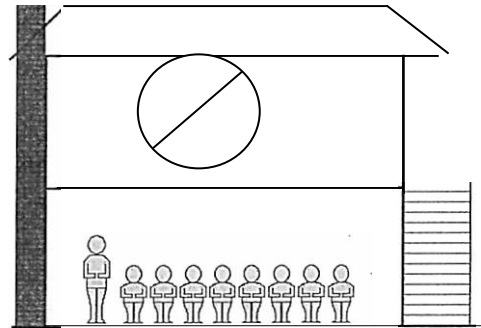


Exits and Space Requirements

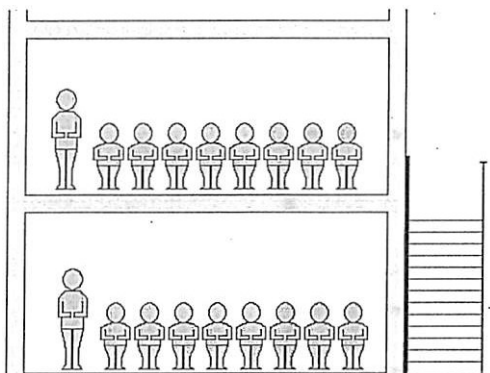
(CBC1015.7)



Rooms used for daycare must be on the ground floor.

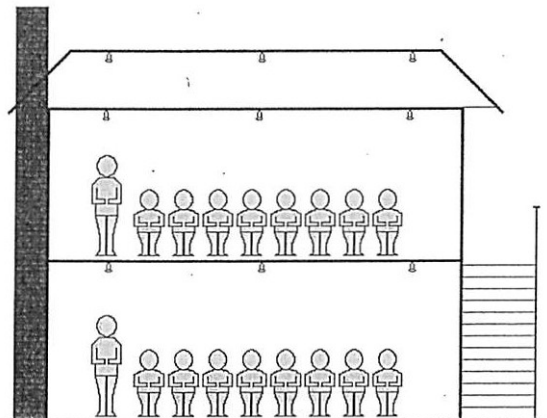


Exceptions



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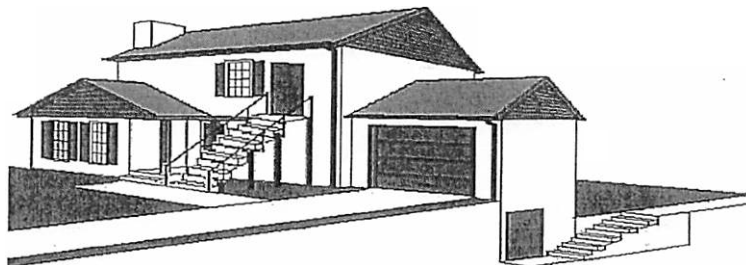
In concrete, fire resistant homes with an outside stairway



Fully Sprinklered

In homes with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system throughout and with an outside stairway

OR



If the basement or the second floor is used for day care, one of the two required exits must open directly to the outside, without entering the first floor.

Fire Extinguishers

All fire extinguishers shall be mounted between 3 and 5 feet above the floor. The bottom of the extinguisher must have a 4 inch clearance from the floor.

Fire extinguishers must be visible and accessible.
(CFC 906.5, 906.9, 906.9.1, CCR Title 19, Div. 1, §567.6)

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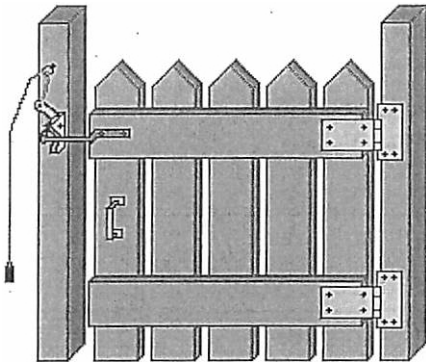


Provide a fire extinguisher, rated at least 2A:10BC, and be sure to install it correctly. Your fire extinguisher needs to be serviced annually, and after discharge, by a licensed technician and must have a State Fire Marshal Service Tag.

State Fire Marshal Service Tag:

Punched date indicates date of service, not expiration date. The service is good for one year from punched date. A new extinguisher is good for one year from purchase date (must maintain the store receipt.)

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Back Yard Gate:

Side gates that are part of the exit path out to a public way must meet exit door requirements. An example of a simple, single-action set up would be wire/string with a handle at the children's level that is attached to the normal gate latch. If the gate opens inward, a handle at the children's level is also required.

(CFC 1008.2)
