



INDIO OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL LARGE FAMILY DAY CARE

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Purpose

This information bulletin has been developed to assist development applicants, architects, and contractors in determining the minimum requirements for a large family day care.

Scope

This bulletin is intended to ensure compliance with the appropriate requirements for a large family day care which are found in the California Code of Regulations, Title 19, as well as the 2019 California Fire Code (CFC), the 2019 California Building Code (CBC), and the 2019 California Residential Code (CRC). Plans not conforming to the requirements listed herein will be returned as incomplete.

Contact Information

For additional information regarding a Large Family Day Care please call (760) 347-0756.

Occupancy Classifications

Every large-family day care home shall comply with the provisions for Group R-3 occupancies. CBC 445.6

Submittal Requirements

Prior to requesting a fire safety inspection, three sets of site and floor plans shall be submitted to the local Indio Fire Department Planning Office for review and approval. Please submit these drawings, permit application and currents fees at least two weeks prior to requesting an inspection. The plans must include the building address, occupancy classification of large family day care, all areas designated on the plan for day care, the location of smoke detectors, fire alarms, exit doors, exterior ext gates and all dimensions of exits, hallways, and corridors leading from child care areas to the exterior.

Provide a detailed letter identifying all intended use and operations of the facility. Include room locations for children.

Please be aware that clearance from the Indio Fire Department does not constitute zoning clearance. Contact the community development or planning department of your local jurisdiction for zoning information. All required building modifications must be by approved permit from City of Indio Building Department. Final occupancy will not be granted without building permit verification.

Use this guideline to ensure that your plans have at least the minimum amount of information required to begin a review. It may be necessary to provide additional information beyond what is requested in this guideline depending on the project.



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CODES AND STANDARDS

1) Addressing

- A. Address numbers shall be posted on the building and shall be visible from the street. Said numbers shall contrast with their background. In no case shall the numbers be less than 4- inches in height. CRC 319.1

2) Electrical

- A. Identified electrical hazards shall be abated. Identified hazardous electrical conditions in permanent wiring shall be brought to the attention of the code official responsible for enforcement of the California Electrical Code. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances and other equipment that is modified or damaged and constitutes an electrical shock or fire hazard shall not be used. CFC 605.5.1

3) Fire Alarms

- A. Every large-family day care home shall be provided with at least one manual device* at a location approved by the authority having jurisdiction. Such device shall actuate a fire alarm signal**, which shall be audible throughout the facility at a minimum level of 15-db above ambient noise level. These devices 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 must be of a type acceptable to the enforcing agent, provided that such devices are distinctive in tone and are audible throughout the structure. CBC 445.5 CFC 907.2.6.4.

1. The required manual device(s) must be a conventional manual fire alarm pull box. It must be manually operated, electrically or battery powered, and permanently mounted to structure. Once initiated, the device shall emit continuous distinctive audible alarm throughout the structure until manually reset. Smoke alarms shall not be used as a substitute for this requirement. The installation of electrical will require permits from Indio Building Department. Plans for the fire alarm system shall be submitted to Indio Fire Department for review and approvals.
2. **Fire Alarm Signal defined: A signal initiated by a fire alarm-initiating device such as a manual fire alarm box, automatic fire detector, water flow switch, or other device whose activation is indicative of the presence of a fire or fire signature. CFC 902.1

4) Smoke Alarms

- A. Large-family day care homes shall be equipped with State Fire Marshal approved and listed single-station residential-type smoke alarms. CBC 445.3
- B. Number of Smoke Alarms and Location:
 1. On ceilings or walls outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.
 2. In each room used for sleeping purposes.
 3. In each story within a dwelling unit, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.



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5) Fire Extinguisher

- A. Large- and small-family day care homes shall be equipped with a portable fire extinguisher having a minimum 2-A 10-BC rating. CBC 445.4
- B. Portable fire extinguishers having a gross weight not exceeding 40-pounds shall be installed so that its top is not more than 5-feet above the floor. Title 19, Sec 567.6
- C. Fire extinguishers shall be serviced on an annual basis. Title 19, Sec 575.1

6) Room Locations

- A. Rooms used for day care purposes shall not be located above the first story. CBC 1015.7

Exception: Buildings equipped with an automatic sprinkler system throughout and which have at least one of the required exits providing access directly to the exterior. NFPA 13R may be used in large-family day care homes. The sprinkler omissions of NFPA 13R shall not apply unless approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

7) Swinging Garage Doors:

- A. Openings between the garage and residence shall be equipped with solid wood doors not less than 1 3/8 inches in thickness, solid or honeycomb core steel doors not less than 1 3/8 inches thick, or 20-minute fire-rated doors. Doors shall be self-closing and self-latching. CRC 302.5.1

8) Exiting:

- A. Every story or basement of a large-family day care home shall be provided with two exits which are remotely located from each other. Every required exit 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 height. A manually operated horizontal sliding door may be used as one of the two required exits. CBC 1015.7
- B. Egress doors shall readily operable from the egress side without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort. CBC 1015.7

9) Special Hazards:

- A. Every unenclosed gas-fired water heater or furnace which is within the area used for child care in a large-family day care home shall be protected in such a way as to prevent children from making contact with those appliances. CBC 445.7

Exception: This does not apply to kitchen stoves or ovens.

10) Ignition Sources:

- A. Clearance between ignition sources, such as luminaries, heaters, flame-producing devices and combustible materials shall be maintained in an approved manner. CFC 305.1