

Residential Day Care Fire Protection Requirements

Plano Fire Department Fire Prevention Division

www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/Child_Care_Standards_and_Regulations/default.asp

General: The purpose of this guide is to define the requirements for a single-family detached residence used for the purpose of providing daycare for more than six, but not more than 12 persons, and is the primary residence of the care provider.



Daycare occupancies do not provide for full time (24 hour) care of the children.

These requirements are based upon the Code to adequately protect the occupants in case of fire.

Residence: The residence used for the day care shall comply with the following provisions:

All rooms or spaces used for the purpose of providing day care shall be located on the ground floor. All stairways or ramps providing access to areas above or below ground level shall be made inaccessible to children by means of an approved barrier located on the ground floor.

A Certificate of Occupancy is issued from the City of Plano Building Inspection Department, located at 1520 Ave K. Such certificate of occupancy shall be renewed annually with the inspection conducted by the Fire Prevention Division. The Certificate of Occupancy will only be renewed when it is determined by the Fire Marshal that the building complies with all the provisions of the city ordinance. Application for the Certificate shall be made in the office of the Building Official and a fee shall be collected as prescribed in the

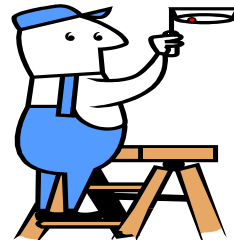


Administrative Code.
www.buildinginspections.org

No room or space used for the purpose of daycare may be enclosed by doors equipped with double-keyed dead bolts. An approved emergency action plan shall be posted and maintained in the facility.

Smoke Detectors and Fire Extinguishing Equipment:

Every habitable room shall be equipped with an approved smoke



detector. All such smoke detectors shall be interconnected in such a manner that if smoke is detected by one detector, all of the detectors will sound an alarm.

An approved heat detector may be substituted for the required smoke detector in the kitchen.

Carbon Monoxide Detector: Follow manufacturer's instructions when installing required detectors.

Fire Extinguishers: Kitchens in in-home daycares shall be equipped with an approved minimum 2A:10B:C fire extinguisher. An additional fire extinguisher of the same type shall be located in the area used for the daycare.

