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**LOCAL BUILDING AND FIRE CODE REQUIREMENTS
FOR DAYCARES**

Below are detailed typical code requirements for daycares in unsprinklered single family homes of wood frame construction housing up to 12 children. There are State code requirements that are separate from these. Those are administered by the State Fire Marshal's Office (626-3880). Call them for details. For daycares other than those described above, contact us for information. Daycares require local and State licenses. Contact the State Department of Human Services at 287-5060 for the State rules. Contact the Bath Codes Office at 443-8334 for the local rules.

- Daycares can be located in unsprinklered wooden buildings of up to two stories, and up to 40' building height.
- Fuel fired central heating plants must be in a one hour rated room or provided with sprinkler protection.
- The building must have AC powered smoke detectors, on each level of the building, arranged so that if one operates, they all do.
- The door at the top of the stairs to the basement must be 20 minute fire rated and self closing.
- If children sleep on the second floor, that floor must have an exit that discharges directly to outside.
- If children are housed (sleeping or otherwise) in a basement, the basement must have an exit that discharges directly outside, with no more than 8' vertical travel to ground level.
- Protection or partitioning of vertical openings such as stairwells might be needed depending on the building's layout and what parts are being used to house children.
- The building will need two exits, unless it's one story, with less than 75' travel distance to the exit from anywhere in the house.
- The building must have emergency lighting that comes on in the event of a power failure, lighting the ways to the exits.
- The building must be provided with fire extinguishers, based on one 2A/10BC rated extinguisher for each 3000 square feet of floor area, located so that there is no more than 75' travel distance to reach an extinguisher.
- Closet doors must be such that they are openable from the inside.
- Bathroom doors must be such that they are openable from the outside.
- All unused electrical outlets must have safety caps/plugs in them if children under 6 are housed.

These are the local requirements. Call the State for theirs.

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