



## Maple Ridge Fire Department Fire Prevention

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### Residential Daycare: 8 children or less Fire Safety Measures

This lists some of the basic regulations governing the operation of **Residential Daycare**. It is not possible to cover all regulations. If you have a question of concern, please telephone or Email the Maple Ridge Fire Department.

#### Annual inspection is required.

**Address** must be clearly visible and numbers must be of high contrast to their background.

**Fire Extinguisher** – minimum of one 5lb ABC type must be mounted to wall and readily accessible. The placement should allow for the choice to use the extinguisher or to exit.

**All heating, electrical, storage and laundry areas** are inaccessible to children.

**Two means to exit** on each floor that is used by children.

**Smoke Alarms** – All required smoke alarms are to be Interconnected and hard wired (110 volt) ULC listed or CSA approved.

✓Smoke alarms over ten years old must be replaced.

✓Smoke alarms must be at least 4 inches from the wall.

✓Ceiling smoke alarms must be installed in the hallway outside of the bedrooms.

✓Smoke alarms must be installed in rooms where children nap or sleep.

✓If children occupy two separate floors, hard wired, interconnected smoke alarms required

✓If a secondary suite is present – interconnected smoke alarms are required.

✓Carbon monoxide alarms are required as per current BC Building Code.

**Fire Department  
must be contacted  
to conduct and approve  
Fire Inspection  
prior to occupancy.**

#### *In addition:*

✓Heating appliances such as wood, electrical or gas fired stoves are protected with a permanently mounted metal screen which will prevent

accidental contact by the children or residents.

✓Kitchen stove to be isolated such that children cannot make contact or stove must be disconnected from power during business hours or control knobs must be removed during business hours.

✓A fire drill procedure is developed and escape plans are prominently posted.

✓A fire drill involving the children is held once every month and recorded in a logbook.

✓Combustible materials such as artwork, which are attached to walls, will not exceed 20% of the area of the walls.

✓Garbage cans are made of non-combustible materials.

✓Flammable and combustible liquids are stored in areas inaccessible to children.

✓Safety plugs for electrical outlets are required.

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#### Fire Safety Measures Residential Daycare: 9 children or more

*In addition to all Fire Safety Measures for Residential Daycare: 8 children or less, the following is required:*

✓Emergency lighting is required.

✓Illuminated exit signs or photo-luminescent exit signs are required.

#### Safety Message

##### 1. Escape Route Planning

Designate 2 ways out of every room, if at all possible.

##### 2. Second Floor Safety

Escape ladders should be placed near second floor windows, and children should practice using them.

##### 3. Feeling Way to Safety

Children should practice feeling their way out of the home in the dark or with their eyes closed. Parents & providers can turn this into a game by blindfolding a child & placing in a room, asking them to feel their way to a designated area.

##### 4. Use Songs to Teach What to Do

Consider teaching a fire escape song to reinforce the need to get out when the smoke alarm sounds.

##### 5. Smoke Alarms 101

Teach children about smoke alarms, why they are installed, how they work, and the sound that they make. Children need to be able to associate the sound going off with a fire as part of fire safety.

##### 6. Out Means Stay Out

Teach children that once they are out of a burning house or building, they must go to the designated meeting place. Never go back in. If someone or a pet is missing, they should inform a fire fighter or adult.

##### 7. It's In The Touch

Instruct kids how to check doors to see if they are hot, and if so, how to find another way out. Fire safety for kids includes having them find a towel to use to touch or grab items to avoid burns, & to use the towel to protect their faces & cover their mouths

##### 8. Stop, Drop and Roll

Teach kids what to do in the event that their clothes catch fire. Make sure they understand "stop, drop and roll." instead of the natural instinct of running.

##### 9. Practice Monthly

Practice your escape plan at least once a month with children.