



Maple Ridge Fire Department Fire Prevention

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Residential Daycare: 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.

8 or less children

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

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

All heating, electrical, storage and laundry areas must be inaccessible to children.

Two exits on each floor used by children.

Smoke Alarms:

- ✓All smoke alarms are required to be hard wired and interconnected.
- ✓Smoke alarms must be installed in all sleeping rooms.
- ✓There must be a minimum of one hard-wired (110 volt) ULC listed or CSA approved smoke/carbon monoxide alarm on each floor of the premises.
- ✓Ceiling smoke alarms must be installed in the hallway outside of all bedrooms.
- ✓Smoke alarms must be installed according to manufacturer's instructions.
- ✓Smoke alarms over ten years old must be replaced.
- ✓Backup batteries must be replaced annually.

Heating appliances such as wood, electrical or gas fired stoves are to be protected with a permanently mounted metal screen to prevent accidental contact by children or residents.

Kitchen stove is to be isolated so 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 must be developed and escape plans must be prominently posted.

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

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

Garbage cans must be non-combustible.

Flammable and combustible liquids must be stored in areas inaccessible to children.

Tamper-proof electrical outlets are required.

9 or more children

In addition to all Fire Safety Measures listed above, the following are required:

- ✓Annual Fire Department inspection.
- ✓Emergency lighting which must be serviced and tagged annually by a certified technician.
- ✓Illuminated exit signs which must be serviced and tagged annually by a certified technician.
- ✓Photo-luminescent exit signs are an option that do not require annual certification.

Contact the Fire Department to schedule a Fire Inspection.

An approved Inspection is required prior to occupancy.