

Preschool/Daycare in a Commercial Building (non-residential building)
“E” Occupancy Classification, 2013 California Building Code

City of San Luis Obispo Fire Department

- Contact City of San Luis Obispo Community Development Department Planning Division, at 919 Palm Street, SLO. Planning will require a review and approval. Phone 805-781-7170.
- Contact City of San Luis Obispo Community Development Department Building Division, at 919 Palm Street, SLO. The Building Division may require a change of occupancy for the space. They will also require a review and approval. Phone 805-781-7180.
- Occupancy Classification per the California Building Code: Education (“E”).
- Non-residential building (commercial building, church or other).
- Provide a minimum of one “2A-10-BC” rated/5 pound fire extinguisher, mounted on the wall in an accessible location, between 3-5 foot height above floor.
- 2 exits required to exterior (when occupant load exceeds 49). If one exit goes to a backyard, a gate is required to provide access to the public way (sidewalk) in an emergency.
- The second exit cannot exit through another room.
- The building requires a UL Listed manual and automatic fire alarm system. *(If building will have an NFPA 13 fire sprinkler system throughout, the fire alarm only requires one pull station, occupant notification throughout building, water flow will sound occupant notification devices, and smoke detectors will be installed in rooms where children and infants will be napping.)*
- Post an Evacuation Plan in the facility for use by staff.
- *Provide smoke alarms (single station acceptable) in all rooms the children will occupy (except restrooms and kitchens)*
- Provide carbon monoxide alarms if any appliances in building use fossil fuel (natural gas, propane, etc.)

Call Fire Inspector Molly Brown at 805-781-7560 with any questions.

