



Fire Department

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Large Family Daycare Requirements (up to 14 children)

- Occupancy Classification: R-3 (single family residential property).
- Day care operator must live in the home.
- Provide (1) 2A-10BC rated fire extinguisher, mounted on wall in an accessible location, between 3-5 height on wall above floor.
- 2 exits required to exterior. If one goes to backyard, a gate is required to provide access to the public way (sidewalk) in an emergency.
- The second exit cannot exit through garage unless garage has been “legally converted” to a living space.
- Provide a manual fire alarm device for emergencies. This does not need to be a UL Listed fire alarm unit. Device must be able to be put into alarm, and stay in alarm mode on its own, during the emergency.
- Post an Evacuation Plan in the home 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.
- Garage can only be used as part of the day care facility if garage has been legally converted to “living space”. A permit for a garage conversion would be requested through the City of San Luis Obispo Building Division (805-781-7180).
- Second floor only to be used for children if residence has a fire sprinkler system.
- Contact City Planning Department (919 Palm Street, SLO), as they will require a “use permit” for a large family daycare.

Call Fire Inspection Line at (805)783-7775 with any questions.