

DAYCARE OCCUPANCIES

OWNER / OCCUPANT INSPECTION INFORMATION

The B.C. Fire Code requires building owners and occupants to comply with the requirements on this checklist.

These requirements are in addition to those listed in the Fire Safety & You brochure.

DAYCARE USES INCLUDE:

- Daycares
- Preschools



CHECKLIST: COMMON FIRE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

- Address:** must be visible from road and lane, free from foliage, and in a contrasting colour.
- Aisleways:** must provide a clear access to exits
- Candles:** must be securely supported in non-combustible containers, and located away from combustible materials.
- Combustible artwork:** shall not exceed 20% of the wall or ceiling area.
- Daycares with an occupancy load of up to 40 persons:** require a fire alarm and a Fire Safety Plan to BC Building Code and BC Fire Code regulations.
- Daycares with an occupancy load of 40 persons or more:** are required to have emergency lighting, to BC Building Code regulations 3.2.7.3(1) and 9.9.1.1.
- Egress:** each facility must have two means of egress from each floor area.
- Electrical outlets:** must be protected with secure covers.
- Emergency contacts:** each facility must have a telephone with local emergency numbers posted nearby.
- Exit doors:** must not be locked or blocked from either the inside or outside.
- Extension cords:** kept to a minimum and not overloaded.
- Fire Drills:** must be held at least once per month.
- Fire Safety Plan:** shall be in place showing procedures for evacuation, use of fire extinguisher, emergency numbers and conform to BC Fire Code 2.8.
- Fire separations:** must have no holes or openings that compromise their purpose.
- Furnace area:** must be segregated from the daycare by a proper fire separation.
- Interconnected A/C wired smoke alarms:** are required for each floor area.
- Locking devices on exit doors:** shall be readily able to open from the inside.
- Portable fire extinguishers:** must:
 - be located adjacent to corridors or aisles that provide access to exits.
 - be mounted in a visible location, accessible, and serviced and tagged at least once every 12 months by a certified technician.
 - be full and functioning (no leaks, damage, corrosion, malfunctioning parts or clogged nozzles).
 - have a minimum rating 2A-10BC
- Portable heaters:** must be an approved type and kept away from combustibles.
- Waste receptacles:** shall be of non-combustible material.



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