

Daycare Occupancies

The B.C. Fire Code requires building owners and occupants to comply with the requirements on this checklist and in the *Fire Safety & You* brochure.

Includes:

- daycares
- preschools



CHECKLIST: COMMON FIRE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

- Address:** must be visible from road and lane, free from foliage, trees, etc. 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 B.C. Building Code and B.C. Fire Code regulations.
- Daycares with an occupancy load of 40 persons or more:** are required to have emergency lighting, to B.C. Building Code regulations 3.2.7.3(1) and 9.9.11.
- 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 blocked from either the inside or outside.
- Extension cords:** kept to a minimum and not overloaded.
- Fire Safety Plan:** shall be in place showing procedures for evacuation, use of fire extinguisher, emergency numbers and confirm 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 damage, corrosion, leaks, 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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