



City of  
**LEMON GROVE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

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## **Fire Protection Requirements for Large Family Day-Care Facilities**

Following are the City of Lemon Grove Fire Department fire code requirements for Large Family Day-Care occupancies:

### **FIRE AND SMOKE ALARMS**

- Smoke detectors shall be centrally located in all hallways, bedrooms, and other sleeping areas. In multi-story homes a detector shall be placed on each story and in basements.
- Every large family day-care shall provide and maintain a device or devices suitable for sounding a fire alarm. Such device or devices shall be attached to the structure and may be of any type acceptable to the City of Lemon Grove Fire Department, provided they are distinctive in tone and are audible throughout the structure.

### **EXITS**

- Every story or basement of a large family day-care home shall be provided with two exits, which are remotely located from each other. A manually operated horizontal sliding door may be used as one of the two exits.
- When basements are used for day-care purposes, one of the two required exits shall exit directly to the exterior without entering the first story. The second exit from the basement may pass through the story above or exit directly to the exterior.
- Rooms used for day-care purposes shall not be located above the first floor. EXCEPTION: Buildings equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system

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throughout the structure and which has at least one of the two required exits providing access directly to the exterior.

- Security bars shall not be installed on bedroom windows unless they are equipped with an approved emergency release.
- Exit doors, including manually operated horizontal sliding doors, shall be openable from the inside without the use of a key or any special knowledge or effort.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Purchase and install a fire extinguisher rated 2A-10B:C. The fire extinguisher shall be properly mounted on a wall so the top of the extinguisher is not more than five feet above the floor. Fire extinguishers shall be serviced annually and after each use.
- Doors between the garage and living areas shall be of solid core construction and be rated as a 20 minute fire door. The door must also be self-closing and latching.
- Monthly fire drills are recommended.

If you have any questions or concerns or to schedule an inspection, please contact the City of Lemon Grove Fire Prevention Bureau at (619)825-3835.