



**FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR CHILD CARE - COMMERCIAL BUILDING
(GROUP, CENTER, PRE-SCHOOL)**
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
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The International Fire Code (IFC), 2018 Edition has been adopted by the North Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office as rules for fire prevention of the State of North Dakota. Fire code violations shall be corrected immediately. Fire codes listed are not a comprehensive list and do not encompass all applicable codes, The noted code sections are commonly encountered and generally applicable to commercial buildings being used for childcare facilities.

- **"Commercial Building" for the purposes of child care is defined as any "building licensed for over 30 children, or any building designed for commercial purposes" (regardless of the number of occupants).**

Facility Name	Provider Name		
Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Email Address	Telephone Number	Child Care Licensor	

	Compliant	Non-compliant
Number of Exits Required - IFC 1006.2.1. New spaces and rooms occupied by more than 10 children under 2 1/2 years of age, have access to not less than two exits or exit access doorways.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exit Size and Requirements - IFC 1104.7. Exit/Egress doors are at least 28 inches in clear width, require no more than 5 lbs of force to open, require a single action and no special knowledge or effort to open. Exits are maintained free from any storage impeding the means of egress.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Rated Separations - IFC 701.2. Where required, existing fire-resistance rated construction is properly maintained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Alarm System/Smoke Alarms - IFC 1103.7.1. A fire alarm system is installed in commercial daycare buildings that are over 1,000 square feet, contain more than a single classroom, and have an occupant load of 50 or more. *For buildings that do not meet the noted criteria, either single or multiple station smoke alarms (interconnected) are required in every room used for sleeping and located on every level outside the sleeping areas. Smoke alarms are tested monthly and testing is documented.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carbon Monoxide System/Alarms - IFC 1103.9. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in any child care building where there is a possible source of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide alarms are installed on each level of the building.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electrical Safety - IFC 604. Electrical panels have a working space of 36 inches in front of them. Extension cords shall not be used for permanent wiring. Electrical equipment and covers are properly maintained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heating Systems - IFC 603. To reduce likelihood of accidental ignition of combustibles and/or flammables are kept a safe distance (i.e. 18") away from heating systems (i.e. furnace, water heater, etc.). Heating systems and equipment are properly maintained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Extinguishers - IFC 906. The structure has an approved and properly maintained fire extinguisher on each level of the building, and within 75' of any point in the building. Fire extinguisher is accessible and annual maintenance is documented appropriately.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Combustible Storage - IFC 315. Combustible storage is maintained in a way that does not pose a threat of fire. Attic, under-floor, and concealed spaces used for storage of combustible materials are protected with a fire rated barrier.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Evacuation Drills - IFC 405. Emergency evacuation plan is maintained and posted. Emergency evacuation drills are conducted monthly (a minimum 4 "fire" drills required annually) and are documented.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exit Signs and Egress Lighting - IFC 1104.3 & 1104.5. Exit signs and egress/emergency lighting are installed as required to mark and light exits, have emergency power back-up, and are properly maintained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooking Hood Suppression Systems - IFC 607. Where commercial cooking produces grease laden vapors that accumulate on walls or ceilings presenting a fire hazard, a type I hood ventilation system is required and is protected by a fire suppression system meeting the requirements of the IDFC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sprinkler Systems - IFC 903.2.6. An automatic sprinkler system is required throughout new buildings/daycare facilities in areas used for daycare that are on any level other than ground floor. *Existing daycare facilities limited to one level above or below ground level and with a second exit that leads directly outside and to the ground level (i.e. exterior exit stairway), are not required to install an automatic sprinkler.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Remarks (areas restricted for licensing, re-inspection date, reason for inspection, etc.)

Signature of Provider	Date
Completed By (Fire Authority)	Contact Telephone Number or Email Address
	Date