



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), 2015 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 shall be 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

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, shall have access to not less than two exits or exit access doorways.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant
Exit Size and Requirements - IFC 1104.7. Exit/Egress doors are at least 28 inches in clear width, shall require no more than 5 lbs. of force to open, shall require a single action to open and require no special knowledge or effort to open. Exits shall be maintained free from any storage impeding the means of egress.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant
Fire Rated Separations - IFC 701.2. Existing fire-resistance rated construction shall be maintained where required.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant
Fire Alarm System/Smoke Alarms - IFC 1103.7.1. A fire alarm system shall be 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, single and multiple station smoke alarms (interconnected) shall be required in every room used for sleeping and on every story located outside the sleeping areas. Smoke alarms are required to be tested monthly.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant
Carbon Monoxide System/Alarms - IFC 1103.9. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in any child care building where there is a possible source for carbon monoxide to occur. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed on each story of the building.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant
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 shall be maintained to prevent fire and safety hazards.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant
Heating Systems - IFC 603. Combustibles and/or flammables are kept a safe distance (i.e. 18") away from heating systems (i.e. furnace, water heater, etc.) to reduce likelihood of accidental ignition. Heating systems and equipment shall be maintained to prevent fire and safety hazards.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant
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"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant
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 shall be protected with a fire rated barrier.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant
Emergency Evacuation Drills - IFC 405. Emergency evacuation plan is maintained and posted. Emergency evacuation drills shall be conducted monthly (a minimum 4 "fire" drills required annually).	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant
Exit Signs and Egress Lighting - IFC 1104.3 & 1104.5. Exit signs and egress/emergency lighting shall be installed as required to mark and light exits, shall have emergency power back-up, and shall be maintained.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant
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 shall be required and protected by a fire suppression system meeting the requirements of the IDFC.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant
Sprinkler Systems - IFC 903.2.6. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout new buildings/daycares in areas used for daycare in commercial buildings that operate on other than the level of exit discharge (ground floor). *Existing daycares limited to one story above or below the level of exit discharge and with a second exit that leads directly outside and to the level of exit discharge (i.e. exterior exit stairway), shall not be required to install an automatic sprinkler.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Compliant

Remarks (areas restricted for licensing, re-inspection date, reason for inspection, etc.)	
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Signature of Provider	Date
Completed By (Fire Authority)	Contact Telephone Number or Email Address
	Date