

Licensed Child Care Facilities

Through the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health-Child Care Licensing, a State license is required to operate a Child Care Facility. One portion of the licensing requirement includes a fire and life safety inspection. On behalf of the DPBH, the Division of the State Fire Marshal or his appointed designee will conduct the initial inspection and all required subsequent annual inspections. A license issued by the DPBH to operate a Child Care Facility is contingent upon a satisfactory fire and life safety inspection and issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

Definitions

Child Care Center: Any facility licensed to provide day or night care for more than 12 children and which is developmentally appropriate for those children.

Child Care Facility: A facility operated and maintained for the purpose of furnishing care on a temporary or permanent basis, during the day or overnight, to six or more children under 18 years of age, if compensation is received for the care of any of those children.

Child Care Institution: A facility which provides care and shelter during the day and night and provides developmental guidance to 16 or more children, who do not routinely return to the homes of their parents or guardians.

On-site Child Care Facility: A facility which provides care on a temporary or permanent basis, during the day or overnight, to five or more children who are under the age of 18 years and who are not related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to an owner or manager of the business

Family Home: A facility licensed to provide care without the presence of parents for at least five (5) but no more than six (6) children.

Group Home: A facility licensed to provide care for no less than seven (7) but no more than twelve (12) children.

Summary:

Child care facilities are categorized by licensed capacity and age to determine fire protection requirements for such use.

Licensed Child Care Matrix

Amount	Age	Hours	Comment	Occupancy classification
0-6	Any	Less than 24		R-3
0-7	Any	Less than 24		R-4
6 or more	Older than 2 ½	Less than 24		E
6 to 100	Less than 2 ½	Less than 24	Children are located on the level of exit discharge and each child care room has an exit door directly to the exterior	E
6 or more	Less than 2 ½	Less than 24		I-4

Generic Fire Protection Requirements

	Comment	Interconnected Smoke detectors	Fire Alarm	Fire Sprinkler
R-3		Required	Not required	Not required
R-4	Required	Required	Required	Required
E	Less than 12,000 square feet	Not required	Required	Not required unless operational between 12:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m. with 7 or more children
I-4		Not required	Required	Required unless located on level of exit discharge with each room having one direct exterior exit door

Egress: Day care facilities classified as Group R-3, R-4, or I-4 are required to have two or more approved exits when the occupant load is 10 or more. Group E facilities are required to have two or more approved exits when the occupant load is greater than 49. Any day care facility that provides care for 10 or more children that are 2 ½ years in age or less are required to have a minimum of 2 approved exits.

Emergency planning: Every facility is required to have an emergency and evacuation plan in place. The emergency plan is to include the posting of emergency contact numbers. The evacuation plan is required to be posted in a visible location in a public area of the facility.

Each facility is required to conduct a fire drill at least once a month and a natural disaster drill at least once every three months. Records of drills are required to be maintained and available at the site.

Carbon Monoxide alarms: A single station carbon monoxide alarm is required in Group I and R occupancies located in a building that contains a fuel-burning appliance or have an attached garage.

Carbon Monoxide alarms are not required in sleeping units or dwelling units that do not contain a fuel-burning appliance or have an attached garage, but are located in a building that contains a fuel-burning appliance or has an attached garage if:

- A. The sleeping or dwelling unit is located more than one story above or below a story which contains a fuel burning appliance or attached garage.
- B. The sleeping or dwelling unit is not connected to the fuel-burning appliance or attached garage by duct work of ventilation.
- C. The building is equipped with a common area carbon monoxide alarm system.