

Day Care Guide

Plano Fire Department Fire Prevention Division



Introduction: “Fire” one of the most devastating words in the English language. When spoken, it tends to send chills down our spines. A cold sweat begins to form and a sense of panic evolves from inside. However, if prepared for that moment an air of calm exists. **Prepare, practice, act, and don’t panic.**

Objective: Our Objective is to provide assistance in implementing your fire prevention program in accordance with applicable codes and ordinances.

General: During construction of your facility required fire protection features were included into your project. However, once issued a certificate of occupancy, it became the manager’s responsibility to provide a fire safe facility. This can be accomplished by developing a fire prevention program and emergency action plan specifically for your needs.

Combustible Decorations: All decorations shall be flame retardant. Artwork and teaching materials shall be permitted to be attached directly to the walls not to exceed 20 percent of the wall area (50 percent if the building has fire sprinklers).

Clothing and personal Effects: Coats and other personal effects shall not be located in the hallways unless the building is equipped with fire sprinklers.

Day Care on Second Floor: Day cares shall not be located above or below the first story. A special building permit and Fire Marshal approval is required for any day care on floors other than the first story.

Supervision: Adequate adult staffing shall be on duty, alert, and awake at all time.

Fire Drills: Fire Drills shall be conducted monthly using the installed fire alarm system. Each group shall proceed to their designated location and remain there until all children and staff is accounted for, returning only when a recall signal is given.

Fire Lane: Fire lanes shall be maintained, clearly marked, and free of obstructions.

Premise Identification; Address numbers shall be visible from the street and fire lane.

Building Access: Fire Department Access shall be provided with a key located in the Knox Box on the premises.

Fire Protection Equipment: All equipment shall be monitored, tested and certified by trained individuals.

Conclusion: Fire Prevention is your responsibility. Call us at 972-941-7159 for assistance.

Built-In Fire Safety



Day Care Facilities in Plano have many built-in safety features that increase safety if a fire does happen.

Fire Alarm:

All Day Cares are equipped with a fire alarm system that sounds to alert children and staff.

Smoke Detectors:

Smoke detectors are located throughout the facility to provide early warning of a fire.

Carbon Monoxide Detector:

Detectors are installed according to manufacturer’s recommendations.

Exit Lights:

These illuminated lights help guide your way out of the building.

Fire Sprinklers:

Many day cares are equipped with fire sprinklers which greatly increase the safety of occupants.

Evacuation Plan:

All day cares are required to develop an evacuation plan to be practiced during fire drills and utilized during emergency situations.

Remember

Fire Prevention is the best strategy.