



Sioux Falls Fire Rescue



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Daycares

The following Fire Code requirements are specific for **Daycare** occupancies and should be used as a *supplement* to the "**Commercial Business Fire and Life-Safety Checklist**".

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER

- A minimum of one fire extinguisher is required
- Additional Fire Extinguishers are required if any point in the building is over 75 feet from an extinguisher
- Fire Extinguishers shall be serviced and tagged annually by a fire protection company
- Fire Extinguishers shall be mounted to a wall or placed in a fire extinguisher cabinet
- Fire Extinguishers shall be visible and have unobstructed access at all times

FIRE ALARMS SYSTEM

- Fire Alarm System shall be maintained and inspected quarterly by a Fire Alarm Contractor
- Fire Alarm System shall have an inspection tag indicating date of testing and name of provider

FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM (If required)

- Fire Sprinkler System shall be maintained, inspected and tested annually
- Fire Sprinkler System shall have an inspection tag indicating date of testing and name of provider
- Fire Department Connection on the exterior of the building shall have 3 feet of clearance
- Decorations and/or other items shall not to be hung from sprinkler piping or heads
- 18 inches of clearance shall be maintained below sprinkler heads

MEANS OF EGRESS

- Exit corridors and stairways shall be free of obstructions and storage
- Exit doors shall be fully operational
- Interior fire doors shall not be blocked open
- Doors that restrict access to the building must be operational from the inside to allow exiting

Exit Signs and Emergency lighting

- Emergency lights shall be fully operational
- Exit signs shall be illuminated with operational battery back-up
- Exit and Emergency lights shall be visible at all times

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Electrical panels shall have 3 feet of clearance maintained at all times
- Electrical panel doors shall be closed and latched
- Extension cords shall not be used in place of permanent wiring
- Extension Cords shall not extended through walls, ceilings or floors
- Extension cords shall not be placed under doors or floor coverings
- Power strips that are UL listed and plugged directly into permanent outlets are permitted
- All outlets and switches must have cover plates in place

HOUSEKEEPING

- Combustible materials shall not be stored in electrical or mechanical rooms
- Storage of combustible materials in buildings shall be orderly and not obstruct the means of egress
- Flammable liquids shall not be stored inside structure