

# Child Care Ordinance

## SECTION 13-11

The owner, operator, director, and administrator of each Commercial Day Care Center shall completely:

Install and maintain, in compliance with the manufacturer's directions, carbon monoxide detectors separate from the fire alarm system in all facilities with HVAC and mechanical rooms with gas appliances in the child care facility;

Install and maintain 2A; 10B: C fire extinguishers in the child care facility within 75 feet travel distance to all areas in the child care facility;

In a commercial day care center with a range top, install and maintain a 40B; C fire extinguisher;

In a commercial day care facility with grease-laden vapor-producing appliances, install and maintain a commercial hood with a fixed fire extinguishing system. (This subsection is effective on January 22, 1998 for all child care facilities permitted by the City of Irving for the first time after that date and on change of ownership, remodeling 51% or more, or twelve months after January 22, 1998 for child care facilities permitted by the City of Irving before January 22, 1998); and

Provide and pass a gas leak test every year.

The owner, operator, director, and administrator of each Registered Family Home and of any other child care facility located in a residence or residential structure shall completely install and maintain smoke detectors in the child care facility in locations and in a manner approved by the Fire Marshal and carbon monoxide detectors in compliance with the manufacturer's directions in all facilities with HVAC and mechanical rooms with gas appliances in the child care facility.

The owner, operator, director, and administrator of each Commercial Day Care Center shall completely install and maintain hard-wired smoke detectors in the child care facility in locations and in a manner approved by the Fire Marshal. (This subsection is effective on January 22, 1998 for all child care facilities permitted by the City of Irving for the first time after that date and on change of ownership, remodeling 51% or more, or twelve months after January 22, 1998 for

child care facilities permitted by the City of Irving before January 22, 1998).

No owner, operator, administrator, director, or staff member of a child care facility shall suffer, permit, place, use, or tolerate a space heater in the child care facility at any time. The owner, operator, administrator, director, and staff members shall completely disable all unvented wall heaters in the child care facility.

This subsection is effective on January 22, 1998 for all child care facilities permitted by the City of Irving for the first time after that date and on change of ownership, remodeling 51% or more, or twelve months after January 22, 1998 for child care facilities permitted by the City of Irving before January 22, 1998. The owner, operator, administrator, and director of each commercial child care facility with over 1750 square feet of interior space shall provide it with a completely installed and maintained fire alarm system in compliance with National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 72 including:

Interconnected to an approved fire alarm control panel with standby battery power;

Approved double-action type manual pull stations adjacent to all building exits;

Approved smoke detectors such that there is no point in a corridor more than 21 feet from a detector.

Additional smoke detectors in lounges, recreational areas, and sleeping rooms;

Approved rate-of-rise heat detectors in all mechanical and electrical rooms; and

All other required detection devices such as duct smoke detectors and fixed fire extinguishing systems;

A fire alarm system inspected annually and green-tagged by a fire alarm company licensed by the State of Texas; and

An approved durable permanent sign mounted adjacent to each manual pull station (only if the system is unmonitored) that reads "LOCAL ALARM ONLY CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT."

The owner, operator, administrator, and director of each commercial child care facility with over 3500 square feet of interior space shall provide it with a completely installed and maintained automatic fire alarm system monitored by an approved UL listed central station monitoring company. (This subsection is effective on January 22, 1998 for all child care facilities permitted by the City of Irving for the first time after that date and on change of ownership, remodeling 51% or more, or twelve months after January 22, 1998 for child care facilities permitted by the City of Irving before January 22, 1998)

The owner, operator, director, administrator and staff members of all registered family homes shall comply with the most current edition of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code including but not limited to all regulations pertaining to biannual gas leak tests, 1A; 10B; C fire extinguishers, and smoke detectors completely installed and maintained in compliance with manufacturers' directions.

The owner, operator, director, administrator and staff members of each child care facility with a wood burning fireplace shall ensure that the fireplace and chimney is cleaned after each cord of wood is burned in it.

The owner, operator, director, administrator and staff members of parents' day out programs with no more than 50 children on the premises at any time shall ensure that there are smoke detectors in operational condition in each room that may be occupied by a child and in each corridor that leads to an exit.

The owner, operator, director, administrator and staff members of parents' day out programs that may have more than 50 children on the premises at any time shall ensure that there are hard-wired smoke detectors in operational condition in each room that may be occupied by a child and in each corridor that leads to an exit.