






Fire Clearance Standards

Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

Child Care Center Facilities (E Occupancy)

Category	Requirement	Code Reference	Notes
Occupancy 	Is an Education Occupancy if > 6 but < 100 children 2 ½ years of age or less	CBC 308.5	Conditions: child care rooms are at level of exit discharge and have direct exits to the exterior.
	Is an E Occupancy if > 6 children older than 2 ½ years of age	CBC 305	Exception: Where occupants are not capable of responding to an emergency situation without physical assistance from staff.
Entrance/ Exits 	Rooms used for child care cannot be located above or below the first story.	CBC 421.1	Exceptions are available, please see code reference.
	2 exits per story	CFC 1015.1	
	Doors swing in the direction of exit travel	CFC 1008.1.2	For occupancy of 50 or more people
	Doors shall be readily openable from the egress (exit) side without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort	CFC 1008.1.8	
	Delayed egress (exit) doors are permitted provided the locks comply with all provisions.	CFC 1008.1.8.6	
	Distance to the exit is not more than 200 feet	CFC Table 1016.1	
	Corridors must be of a 1 hour fire resistance rated construction	CFC Table 1017.1	
	Corridor width must be 36 inches for centers with occupancy of 49 or less, and 44 inches wide for an occupant load of 50 or more.	CFC 1017.2	
	Exit discharge locations such as exterior balconies, stairways, and ramps must be located at least 10 feet from adjacent lot lines or buildings on the same lot unless protected in accordance with Section 704 based on fire separation distance	CFC 1024.3	
	Exits are illuminated while center is occupied	CFC1006.1	
	Emergency exit signs must be internally or externally illuminated with an emergency backup power source lasting for at least 90 minutes	CFC 1011.1, 1011.5.3	
	Emergency exits must have pathway lighting in all aisles, stairways, and corridors.	CFC 1006.3	
Exit doors must be readily distinguishable and easily recognizable as doors.	CFC 1008.1		

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	An automatic sprinkler system is required for a building over 20,000 square feet with a Group E Fire area or with educational buildings below the level or exit discharge	CFC 903.2.5	Exceptions are available, please see code reference.
	A manual fire alarm system is required for all Group E Occupancies	CFC 907.2.6	Occupant load over 50 or having more than one classroom or one or more rooms used for day care purposes. Exceptions are available, please see code reference.
	One class 2A:10B:C fire extinguisher shall be provided within 75 feet of all floor areas.	CFC 906 & T19	
	Fire extinguisher must be installed on the hanger or brackets supplied and shall be securely anchored to the mounting surface on a wall near an exit so that the top of it is between 3.5 and 5 feet above the finished floor.	CFC 906 & T19, Sec. 574 & 567	
	Fire extinguishers in cabinets must remain unlocked and not be obstructed from view.	CFC 906 & T19, Sec. 574 & 567	
	Fire extinguishers must be inspected monthly and services annually or after each use.	CFC 906 & T19, Sec. 574 & 567	
	A fire control room shall be provided for all fire sprinkled buildings per Fire District Standard 1.	CFC 506.1	
Housekeeping/Storage	A Knox® key box must be provided adjacent to the door to the fire control room.	CFC 506.1	
	Combustible materials must be stored in an orderly way and not be stored in boiler, mechanical, or electrical rooms	CFC 315.2,	
	Storage must be a minimum of 18 inches below sprinkler deflectors	CFC 315.2.3	
Miscellaneous	Storage must be a minimum of 24 inches below the ceiling in non-sprinklered buildings	CFC 315.2.1	
	Natural cut trees, such as Christmas trees, are not permitted.	CFC 315.2.2	
	Drapes, wall hangings, curtains, and other decorative material shall be made from a non-flammable material or shall be treated with a flame retardant solution approved by the State Fire Marshal.	CFC 806.1.1 T19, Sec. 3.08	
	Flammable liquids shall not exceed that necessary for maintenance purposes and shall not exceed quantities set forth in Table 2703.1.1. (1).	CFC 3404.3.4.2	
	An approved fire access road no less than 20 feet wide shall be provided to within 150 feet of all exterior walls.	CFC 503.1.1	
	Building shall have approved addressing that shall be plainly legible from the street	CFC 505.1	
	Open flames are not allowed on or around the property	CFC 308.3.9	