

# Daycares

Includes:

- Daycares
- Preschools

## CHECKLIST: COMMON FIRE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☐ <b>Address:</b> must be visible from road and lane, free from foliage, trees, etc. and in a contrasting colour.</li><li>☐ <b>Aisleways:</b> must provide a clear access to exits.</li><li>☐ <b>Combustible artwork:</b> shall not exceed 20% of the wall or ceiling area.</li><li>☐ <b>Egress:</b> each facility must have two means of egress from each floor area.</li><li>☐ <b>Electrical outlets:</b> must be protected with secure covers.</li><li>☐ <b>Emergency contacts:</b> each facility must have a telephone with local emergency numbers posted nearby.</li><li>☐ <b>Emergency lighting:</b> may be provided by battery packs with remote or attached heads, or by emergency generators that will illuminate specified A/C fixtures or remote light heads. Must be operational with no visible damage. Must be tested monthly by staff, and serviced and tagged annually by a certified technician.</li><li>☐ <b>Electrical outlets:</b> must be protected with secure covers.</li><li>☐ <b>Exit doors:</b> must not be blocked from either the inside or the outside, and must open from the inside with a single releasing action with a closed fist.</li><li>☐ <b>Extension cords:</b> temporary use and not overloaded.</li><li>☐ <b>Fire and life safety systems:</b> must have up-to-date services performed by qualified professionals and be operating free of deficiencies. These include fire alarm, sprinkler system, fire extinguishers, and emergency lighting.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☐ <b>Fire Safety Plan:</b> must conform to BC Fire Code Section 2.8, be reviewed and updated annually, and show procedures for evacuation and use of fire extinguishers. Must also have emergency numbers.</li><li>☐ <b>Fire separations:</b> must have no holes or openings that compromise their purpose.</li><li>☐ <b>Furnace area:</b> must be segregated from the daycare by a proper fire separation.</li><li>☐ <b>Interconnected A/C wired smoke alarms:</b> are required for each floor area.</li><li>☐ <b>Mechanical rooms</b> (such as boiler, furnace, or electrical rooms): must provide clear access to equipment, and, in the case of boiler rooms and electrical vaults, must contain no storage. Panels require 1 metre of clearance.</li><li>☐ <b>Portable fire extinguishers:</b> must:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☐ be located in corridors or aisles that provide access to exits.</li><li>☐ be mounted in a visible location, accessible, and serviced and tagged at least annually by a certified technician.</li><li>☐ be full and functioning (no leaks, damage, corrosion, malfunctioning parts and clogged nozzles).</li><li>☐ Have a minimum rating 2A-10BC.</li></ul></li><li>☐ <b>Portable heaters:</b> must be an approved type and kept away from combustibles.</li><li>☐ <b>Waste receptacles:</b> shall be of non-combustible material.</li></ul> |
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*The above requirements are where fire inspectors find most contraventions. This is not an exhaustive list.*

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