



Patterson Fire Prevention - Day Care Licensing and Requirements

Daycare providers with 8 or less children are not regulated by the City of Patterson and should contact the Stanislaus County Child Care Resource and Referral office at (209) 238-6400.

Daycare providing for 15 or more children is considered a commercial facility. Please contact Patterson Fire Prevention Bureau at (209) 895-8130 for more information.

Daycare providers with 9-14 children (Large Family Daycare) will need to first contact the Licensed Child Care-Fresno Childcare Regional Office, phone (559) 243-4588. 770 East Shaw Ave., Suite 300, Fresno CA 93710. They will notify Patterson Fire when your licensing application is processed. Once we receive notification from the state, we will call you to schedule your inspection. A pre-inspection cost is \$139.00. The following is a list of items we will be looking for during your inspection.

1. City of Patterson Business License (applied for).
2. Address numerals shall be at least 4" tall, clearly visible from street, contrasting in color to background and illuminated either internally or externally from dusk to dawn.
3. A 2A10BC classification fire extinguisher shall be mounted in an approved location no higher than 48" above the floor. Extinguisher shall be replaced or serviced annually.
4. Carbon Monoxide and Smoke detectors shall be in good working order and appropriately placed.
5. An approved device (alarm) to notify occupants of fire shall be installed in an approved location. Device shall be clearly audible throughout the home.
6. Separation wall with solid core door and self-closing device is required between living area and garage.
7. Unenclosed gas water heaters or furnaces are not allowed in open sleeping areas. Locations in other areas shall be protected against child contact.
8. Children shall only occupy the ground floor of multistory homes.
9. Exit doors shall be open-able from inside without key or special knowledge.
10. Exits shall lead to public pathway. Paths shall be clear and gates shall be open-able from inside without key or special knowledge.
11. Bedroom windows shall open easily, and be free from obstruction.
12. An Emergency Exit Plan shall be posted and practiced.
13. Emergency Contact phone numbers will be posted.
14. Fireplace(s) shall be protected from child contact.
15. Good housekeeping shall be maintained at all times. Combustibles shall not be stored near cooking areas or HVAC/water heater closets.
16. Kitchen hood shall be maintained in clean condition and be in good working order.
17. Electrical cords shall be in good working condition.
18. Matches, lighters, household chemicals and other potentially dangerous items shall be stored out of children's reach.
19. Clothes dryer lint trap and vent pipes shall be kept clean at all times.
20. Flammable liquids shall be stored appropriately.
21. Power strips and multi-plug adapters shall be equipped with "circuit breaker protection".