



REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE FAMILY DAY-CARE HOMES 9-14 CHILDREN

The following are California State Fire Marshal and City of Fremont Fire Department requirements for operating a Large Family Day-Care Home. These requirements should be completed prior to requesting a Fire Clearance Inspection.

- Applicant must apply to the State of California Community Care Licensing.
- Applicant must apply for a Home Occupation Permit with City of Fremont Planning Division, 39550 Liberty Street., Fremont, (510) 494-4455.
- Applicant must submit a Business Tax Application with City of Fremont Revenue and Treasury Division, 39550 Liberty St., Fremont, (510) 494-4791.
- Compliance with all City of Fremont Building, Electrical, Fire, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes is required. ***Please note: Building Permits are required for all construction activities described below.*** For additional permit information please contact the City of Fremont Development Services Center, 39550 Liberty Street., Fremont, CA 94538 (510) 494-4443.
- **Address numbers** shall be posted on the house and shall be visible from the street. Said numbers shall contrast with their background and shall be sufficiently illuminated for viewing at night. Illumination may be either internal or external. In no case shall the numbers be less than 4 inches in height. (2019 California Fire Code (CFC) Section 505.1)
- **Two approved exits** are required from the dwelling. Every story or basement of a large family day care home shall be provided with two exits which are remotely located from each other. Every required exit shall be of a size to permit the installation of a door not less than 32 inches in clear width and not less than 6 feet 8 inches in height. A manually operated sliding door may be used as one of the two required exits. **Exit doors, including manually operated horizontal sliding doors, shall be openable from the inside without use of a key or any special knowledge or effort.** (2019 California Building Code (CBC) 455.8, 1006.2.2.7)
- **Where basements are used for day care purposes**, one of the two required exits shall provide access directly to the exterior without entering the first story. The second exit from the basement may either pass through the story above or exit directly to the exterior. **Rooms used for day-care purposes shall not be located above the first story, except** in buildings equipped with an automatic sprinkler system throughout and which have at least one of the required exits providing access directly to the exterior. NFPA 13R may be used in large family day-care homes. The sprinkler omissions of NFPA 13R shall not apply unless approved by the enforcing agency. (2019 CBC 455.8, 1006.2.2.7)

- **Locks and Latches**– Doors from individual dwelling or sleeping units of Group R occupancies having an occupant load of 10 or less are permitted to be equipped with a night latch, dead bolt or security chain, provided such devices are open able from the inside without use of a key or tool. (2019 CBC 1010.1.9.4 #4)
- **A written disaster plan of action** for each family child care home shall be prepared on a form approved by the Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division. All children, age and ability permitting, and the provider, the assistant provider, and other members of the household, shall be instructed in their duties under the disaster plan. As their age and ability permit, newly enrolled children shall be informed promptly of their duties as required in the plan. (22 CCR § 102417)
- **Fire Drills and Disaster Drills** shall be conducted at each family child care home at least once every six months. The licensee shall document the drills, including the date and time of each drill. This documentation shall be kept at the family child care home. (22 CCR § 102417)

Note: Please contact State of CA Community Care Licensing for information regarding emergency evacuation and disaster planning required by their office.

- **Private garages** are not to be used for day care purposes and shall not be converted to dwelling or habitable use without required Building Permits. Private garage use is limited to the parking of automobiles and approved accessory uses such as laundry facilities and orderly storage not occupying required parking areas. Rafter, loft or attic storage is not permitted without proper Building Permits. Floor surfaces shall be of approved noncombustible paving materials. Openings from a private garage directly into a room used for sleeping purposes shall not be permitted. The private garage shall be separated from the dwelling unit and its attic area by means of gypsum board, not less than 1/2 - inch in thickness, applied to the garage side. Garages beneath habitable rooms shall be separated from all habitable rooms above by not less than a 5/8-inch Type X gypsum board or equivalent and 1/2-inch gypsum board applied to structures supporting the separation from habitable rooms above the garage. Door openings between a private garage and the dwelling unit shall be equipped with either solid wood doors or solid or honeycomb core steel doors not less the 1 3/8-inches in thickness or doors in compliance with CBC section 716.5.3 with a fire protection rating of not less than 20 minutes. Doors shall be self –closing and self-latching. Ducts in a private garage and ducts penetrating the walls or ceilings separating the dwelling unit from the garage, including its attic area, shall be constructed of sheet steel of no less than 0.019 inch in thickness (0.48 mm) and shall have no openings into the garage. (2019 CBC 105 and 406.3)
- **Sunrooms and patio rooms** shall require building permits and shall only be used for day care purposes in accordance with Building Code regulations and Building Department approvals. Sunrooms approved as “Not for Habitable Space” shall only be used for non-habitable purposes such as recreational areas. (2019 CBC 105)
- **Combustible materials, Ignition Sources, Open Flames, and General Storage** – A person shall not utilize or allow to be utilized, an open flame in any licensed care facility. All outside storage of combustible materials shall be setback from property lines. Storage may be reduced to 3 feet from property lines if storage height does not exceed 6 feet. Combustible materials storage in buildings shall be maintained 2 feet or more below the ceiling in non-sprinklered areas. Storage shall be maintained 18 inches or more below fire sprinkler deflectors. Attic, under-floor and concealed spaces used for storage shall be protected on the storage side as required for 1-hour fire-resistance-rated construction. Openings shall be protected by assemblies that are self-closing and are of noncombustible construction or solid wood core not less than 1.75 inches in thickness. Storage shall not be placed on exposed joists. Storage is not permitted in exits or equipment rooms. **Combustible rubbish** shall be kept in approved containers, removed from the building daily and from the property at least once per week. **Oily rags** and similar materials shall be stored in metal, metal lined or other approved containers equipped with tight fitting covers. Maintain clearance between combustibles and ignition sources, such as light fixtures and heaters. (2019 California Fire Code (CFC) 304, 305, 308.4, 315 and 19 CCR § 3.07)

- **Smoke alarms** – Large-family day care homes shall be equipped with State Fire Marshal approved and listed single-station residential-type smoke alarms, and shall be installed according to their listing in (1) each sleeping room or nap area, (2) at a point centrally located in the corridor or area giving access to each sleeping area, (3) on each additional story of the dwelling, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. (2019 CBC 455.3)
- **Carbon Monoxide Alarms** - Carbon monoxide detection shall be installed *in accordance with the manufacturer's published instructions*. Carbon Monoxide detection shall be installed in dwelling units *in the following locations*: 1. Outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms. 2. On every occupiable level of a dwelling unit, including basements. 3. Where a fuel-burning appliance is located within a bedroom or its attached bathroom, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed with the bedroom. *Refer to the attachment for additional information pertaining to power source, combination alarms, interconnection, maintenance, and visible notification.* (2019 CFC 915.2.1)
- **Carbon Monoxide Alarms** – Existing residential occupancies shall be equipped with Carbon Monoxide Alarms in accordance with Section 915, except that the Carbon Monoxide Alarms shall be allowed to be solely battery operated. (2019 CFC 1103.9)
- **Fire alarm** – Every large family day-care home shall be provided with at least one manual fire alarm box at a location approved by the enforcing agency. Such device shall actuate a fire alarm signal, which shall be audible throughout the facility at a minimum level of 15 db above ambient noise level. These devices need not be interconnected to any other fire alarm device, have a control panel or be electrically supervised or provided with emergency power. Such device or devices shall be attached to the structure and must be a device that is listed and approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. A Building Permit shall be issued for the installation of a manual fire alarm box. (2019 CBC 455.5 and 907.2.6.4)



- **Extension cords** shall not be used as a substitute for permanent wiring. U.L. listed, grounded, multi-plug, outlet strips (power taps) with built-in circuit breaker protection are permitted (such as for computer systems) when plugged into a properly grounded outlet receptacle. (2016 CFC 604.4. and 604.5)

- **A 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher** shall be mounted so that no portion of the extinguisher is higher than 5 feet from the floor or no closer than four inches from the floor. Fire extinguishers shall be manually inspected when initially placed in service. Thereafter extinguishers shall be manually inspected at least monthly by the building owner or occupant. There are two options available when selecting a fire extinguisher for your day care facility. One option is to have the fire extinguisher provided and serviced by concerns licensed by the State Fire Marshal. Servicing includes maintenance, recharging and hydrostatic testing. The licensed concern shall provide a State Fire Marshal Annual Service Tag attached to the fire extinguisher. Another option would be to purchase a fire extinguisher at a retail location and attach a legible and dated photo copy of the store receipt to the fire extinguisher. All fire extinguishers shall be recertified by a licensed concern or replaced annually by the occupant in a manner approved by the Fire Department. Discarded fire extinguishers must be transported to Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program, (510) 670-6460. Please consider reducing your waste stream by having your fire extinguisher provided and serviced annually by a licensed fire extinguisher company. (2019 CBC 455.4, CFC 906, 19 CCR § 3.29, 574, 575)
- **Special hazards** – Every unenclosed gas-fire water heater or furnace which is within the area used for child care in a large-family day care home shall be protected in such a way as to prevent children from making contact with those appliances. **Exception:** This does not apply to kitchen stoves or ovens. (2019 CBC 455.7)
- **Smoking is prohibited at family day care homes.** (Fremont Municipal Code Section 8.55.050 (a) (8))
- **Inspection Fees – Health and Safety Code 13235 (a)** Upon receipt of a request from a prospective licensee of a child day care facility, the local fire enforcing agency shall conduct a pre-inspection of the facility prior to the final fire clearance approval. At the time of the pre-inspection, the primary fire enforcing agency shall provide consultation and interpretation of fire safety regulations, and shall notify the prospective licensee of the facility in writing of the specific fire safety regulations which shall be enforced in order to obtain fire clearance approval. Currently the Fremont Fire Department charges of fee of \$148.00 for a facility pre-inspection. **(b)** The primary fire enforcing agency shall complete the final fire clearance inspection for child day care facility within 30 days of receipt of the request for the final inspection, or as of the date the prospective facility requests the final pre-licensure inspection by the State Department of Social Services, whichever is later. There is no fee charged for a final fire clearance inspection.

When the above requirements are completed, including issuance and final approval of any required building permits, please call the Fremont Fire Prevention Bureau at 510-494-4280 to schedule a fire safety clearance inspection.

**CITY OF FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:
 “TO PREVENT AND MINIMIZE THE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY THREATENED BY THE
 HAZARDS OF FIRE, MEDICAL, AND RESCUE EMERGENCIES, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL
 INCIDENTS, AND DISASTER SITUATIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.”**



LARGE FAMILY DAY-CARE HOME MANUAL FIRE ALARM BOX REQUIREMENT

“Every Large Family Day-Care home shall be provided with at least one manual fire alarm box at a location approved by City of Fremont Development Services. Such device shall actuate a fire alarm signal, which shall be audible throughout the facility at a minimum level of 15 dB above ambient noise level. These devices need not be interconnected to any other fire alarm device, have a control unit or be electrically supervised or provided with emergency power. Such device or devices shall be attached to the structure and must be a device that is listed and approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.” (2019 CA Building Code 455.5 and 907.2.6.4)

Plans must be submitted and a building permit is required for the installation of a manual fire alarm box and audible device, which is connected to the building electrical system. California State Fire Marshal Listing Service Sheets and the manufacturer’s specification sheets (Cut Sheets) must be included with your plan submittal. Plans and permit applications must be submitted to the City of Fremont Development Services Center, located at 39550 Liberty Street, First Floor, Fremont, CA 94546, 510-494-4443.
<https://fremont.gov/372/Development-Services-Center>

There are many acceptable manufacturers and listed devices that may be found at the California State Fire Marshal Building Materials Listing Service:
<https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/fire-engineering-and-investigations/building-materials-listing/>

Attached are examples of a Manual Fire Alarm Pull Box and Audible Device that were previously approved for a Large Family Day-Care Home.

LARGE FAMILY DAY CARE HOME MANUAL FIRE ALARM

THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTORS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINED A MANUAL FIRE ALARM PERMIT FROM CITY OF FREMONT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR A LARGE FAMILY DAY CARE HOME:

1. Ashok Singh, Akash Construction, 510-304-6961;
apsinghrs@yahoo.com
2. Rich Notxon, R N Security Company, 510-786-2767;
rich@rnsecuritycompany.com
3. SAFCO Sound and Security Systems, 408-272-1911;
roger.lu@safcosecurity.com

OTHER LICENSED CONTRACTORS MAY BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE REQUIRED MANUAL FIRE ALARM. FOR CONTRACTORS' LICENSE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE CA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD AT <http://www.cslb.ca.gov/>



POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL COMPANY
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FIRE ALARM PULL BOX P32-1T-LP



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AVAILABLE AT:

- <https://amazon.com>
- <https://www.jmac.com>
- <https://www.tclifesafety.com/>
- <https://walmart.com>



AVAILABLE AT:

- <http://allsecurityelectronics.net/store/pc/home.asp>
- <https://www.completeplumbingsource.com/>
- <https://www.dwgdistribution.com/>
- <https://www.jmac.com>



PULL STATION SERIES DIE-CAST METAL MANUAL PULL STATIONS



- UL and cUL Listed, FM Approved, CSFM Listed, MEA Approved, ADA Compliant
- Single or Dual Action
- Terminal connectors
- 10 Amp Snap Action Switch
- Gold plated SPST contacts
- Optional auxiliary contacts
- Mounts on standard single gangbox
- Surface backboxes available
- High-gloss red enamel finish
- Glass breakrod
- Made in the U.S.A.

Description

The Potter Pull Station Series offers a complete line of die-cast pull stations for a variety of applications focusing mainly on fire alarm systems. The pull stations are available in single or dual action models. All of the pull stations have a 10-amp snap action switch and a dedicated terminal block for the ease of wire connections. All of the metal is completely coated to inhibit corrosion and provide for a uniform and quality finish.

The standard models have a hex key reset, however a key reset is also available. The models are available with shallow and deep surface mount back boxes and as a weatherproof version.

Operation

The Potter single action series of pull stations operate by pulling the white operating handle straight down and the handle will lock into place. The dual action stations require the lifting of the front cover and then pulling the white operating handle straight down. The stations are reset by opening the front and placing the handle in the normal position.

Engineering Specifications

The contractor shall furnish and install the Potter series of pull stations as indicated. The pull station shall be die cast construction with a "T" type pull handle that is ADA compliant. Single action pull stations shall be a P32-1T. Dual action pull stations shall be the Potter P32-1T-LP. Any manual pull station installed in an outdoor or wet location shall be a RMS-1T-WP weather proof unit. The contact shall be a single pole, single throw switch rated at 1 amp 30V DC/125V AC. The device shall have a terminal block for ease of wiring. Once activated, the pull station shall be reset by opening the front cover. Opening of the cover in a normal state shall initiate an alarm.

Specifications

Switch Rating: 1 Amp @ 30 VDC
10 Amps @ 125 VAC
Pull Station Dimensions: 4-3/4" H x 3-1/4" W x 7/8" D
Color: Red with raised white letters, white pull bar with raised red letters

*For special application manual stations see bulletin #8910014.
For explosion proof manual stations see bulletin #8880014.*

Ordering Information

Type	Model Number	Stock Number	Contact Type
Single Action	P32-1T	1000447	SPST
	RMS-2T	1000477	DPST
	RMS-6T	1000478	DPDT
	RMS-1T-KL	1000451	SPST
	RMS-1T-KO	1000450	SPST, key operated, no pull
Weather Proof	RMS-1T-WP	1000401	SPST
Dual Action	P32-1T-LP	1000476	
Weather Proof Dual Action	RMS-1T-WP-LP	1000403	
Accessories			Notes
Dual Action	RMS-LP	1000480	Converts single action to dual action
Back Box	P32-BB	1000444	Surface mount back box
Back Box	P32-DBB	1000445	Deep surface mount back box
Glass Rods	RMS-GB	1000470	Replacement glass rods (10 per pkg)

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