

RESIDENTIAL DAY CARES

This brochure is designed to familiarize prospective operators with the requirements for Day Cares, Residential.

Definitions

- “day care” means an establishment providing for the care, supervision, protection, or support of individuals of any age who require care or support on a regular, periodic, or temporary basis, and includes child care centres as defined by *The Child Care Act, 2014*, but does not include the provision of overnight supervision.
- “day care, residential” means an accessory use located in a one-unit dwelling, a unit of a two-unit dwelling, a mobile home, a semi-detached dwelling, or a townhouse, where the occupants of the dwelling provide for the care, supervision, protection, or support of individuals of any age who require care or support on a regular, periodic or temporary basis, and includes family child care homes and group family child care homes as defined by *The Child Care Act, 2014*, but does not include the provision of overnight supervision.

Zoning Approval

Residential Day Cares with less than twelve individuals under care (including the individuals who are resident in the dwelling) do not require zoning approval.

Zoning approval from City Council as a discretionary use may be required when the total number of individuals (including individuals who are resident in the dwelling) under care exceeds twelve.

Zoning Bylaw Requirements

The Zoning Bylaw permits the operation of Residential Day Cares in all Residential Districts. Section 5.33 of the Zoning Bylaw lists the following requirements for Residential Day Cares:

- A day care, residential shall be permitted as an accessory use in a detached one-unit dwelling, a unit of a two-unit dwelling, a mobile home, a semi-detached dwelling or a townhouse.
- Day cares, residential shall provide 3.25m² of on-site and fenced outdoor play space for each child under the age of 13 years present in the facility at any one time. No outdoor play space is required for facilities which provide care only for persons over the age of 13.
- The number of persons under care or supervision in a day care, residential shall not exceed 12, including the individuals to whom care is being provided who are resident in the dwelling.

Potential Residential Day Care operators should also consider the following guidelines:

- The provision of on-site parking spaces which facilitate the effective drop off and pick up where insufficient off-site (street) parking capacity exists.
- Fenced outdoor play space that is suitably segregated from driveways or parking areas.
- Proximity of public transit within 300m.

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Child Care Licensing

The Ministry of Education, Early Years Branch is the licensing authority for Family Child Care Homes and Group Family Child Care Homes in Saskatoon.

Although licensing is not mandatory for child cares operating in one-unit dwellings with eight or less children under care (including children who are resident in the dwelling), prospective operators may choose to take advantage of the many benefits licensing has to offer.

Operators of child care homes who wish to exceed the eight children maximum will require licensing from the above noted provincial department as a Group Family Child Care Home. For more information on the licensing requirements for Group Family Child Care Homes please contact the Early Years Branch at 306-933-6071.

Building Permits and Building Code Requirements

Building permits are not required to operate a Residential Day Care in a one unit dwelling. However, if you are proposing new construction, alterations, or renovating an existing dwelling to accommodate a Residential Day Care, a Building Permit will be required. Please contact the Building Standards Department at 306-975-2645 for more information on permit requirements.

Criteria set out in the Building Code for Residential Day Care require:

- that all floor levels must have hard wired smoke detectors that are interconnected to all other detectors; and
- the provision of guards and handrails on all floor levels used in connection with the Residential Day Care.

Signage

Sign regulations for day cares, residential, outlined in Appendix A, Section 3.1.3.4(2) of the Zoning Bylaw, limit signs to a wall type with a maximum face area of 0.1m². Content of the sign is restricted to the name and address of the occupant.

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