

Fire Safety Requirements for a Licensed Type B Home Provider

Emergency Exit and Operational Conditions

(1) All levels used for child care shall have a primary escape route which provides a safe exit to the outside of the home. If the level is above or below ground level, the primary escape route shall be an interior stairway or an exterior stairway.

(2) In addition to the primary escape route, each level used for child care, including for napping and sleeping purposes, shall have an alternate means of escape. The alternate escape route shall not use the same stairway as the primary escape route. This alternate escape route shall include either of the following:

- A door or stairway providing an unobstructed exit to the outside of the home at ground level.
- A window at least twenty inches in width that opens without the use of tools to the outside. The interior window opening shall be at least 5.7 square feet in area. If the window is more than forty-four inches above the floor, there shall be a platform or stairs under the window. The platform or stairs shall be firmly attached to the floor or wall.

(3) No room or space that is accessible only by a ladder, folding stairs, or through a trapdoor shall be used for child care.

(4) All hallways, corridors, ramps and passageways leading to an exit shall be adequately lighted by natural or artificial light using at least a 60 watt light bulb or comparable compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb.

(5) Doorways, corridors, and stairways which are part of the primary or alternate escape route shall be kept clear of obstructions such as toys, clothing, snow, ice, accumulated trash and assorted debris.