

Child Care Centres Development Standards (cont'd)

Licensing

The Ministry of Education, Early Years Branch is the licensing authority for 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 under 13 years of age 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.



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Procedures & Requirements for

Family Child Care Homes



Family Child Care Homes

This brochure is designed to familiarize prospective operators with the requirements for Family Child Care Homes.

Definitions:

- A “child care centre” means an establishment providing for the care, supervision and protection of children, but does not include the provision of overnight supervision.
- A “family child care home” means an accessory use to a one-unit dwelling, two-unit dwelling, mobile home, semi-detached dwelling or townhouse where the occupants of the dwelling provide child care services, supervision, or pre-school services, provided the total number of children under care or supervision, including the number of children under the age of 13 who are resident in the dwelling, does not exceed eight.

Prospective operators should contact the Ministry of Education, Early Learning and Child Care Division for specific ages and numbers of permitted children.

Zoning Bylaw Requirements

The Zoning Bylaw permits the operation of Family Child Care Homes in all Residential Districts. Section 5.33 of the Zoning Bylaw lists the following requirements for Family Child Care Homes:

- A family child care home may be located in a detached one unit dwelling, a unit in a two-unit dwelling, a semi-detached dwelling or a townhouse.
- A family child care home shall provide at least 3.25m² of fenced on-site outdoor play space for each child present in the facility at any one time.
- The number of children under care or supervision in a family child care home shall not exceed eight, including the children under 13 years of age who are resident in the dwelling.

Potential family child care operators should also consider the following guidelines:

- The provision of on-site parking spaces which facilitate the effective drop off and pick up of children 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 of the family day care home.



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Building Code Requirements

Criteria set out in the Building Code for Family Child Care Homes 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 Family Child Care Home.

Signage

Sign regulations for family child care homes, outlined in 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.

Zoning Approval

Family child care homes with less than eight children under care (including the children under 13 years of age who are resident in the dwelling) do not require zoning approval. Zoning approval from City Council as a discretionary use will be required when the total number of children (including the children under 13 years of age who are resident in the dwelling) under care exceeds eight. Please contact the City of Saskatoon, Planning and Development Branch at 306-975-2645 for more information regarding this approval process.

Building Permits

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

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