

Family Day Care in Dwellings Not Used as a Residence and Family Day Care in Churches

Purpose

Provide guidance on occupancy type for homes and duplexes used for day care but not lived in as a home.

Day Care in Dwellings Not Occupied as a Residence

- A single-family dwelling licensed or proposed to be licensed as family or group family day care shall be inspected for fire safety as an IRC-1 (MSFC R-3) occupancy regardless if the single-family dwelling is not occupied during non-day care hours.
- A duplex licensed or proposed to be licensed as two separate family or group family day cares shall be inspected for fire safety as an IRC-2 (MSFC R-3) even if both of the duplex units are not occupied during non-day care hours. IRC-2 units are required to be separated by one-hour fire rated assemblies with no openings.

Day Care in Churches

- Day cares when licensed or proposed to be licensed in a church under “Special Family Day Care (MS 245A.14) shall be inspected based on the following:
- If the church is the license holder and care is provided during church functions for the congregations children, it shall be inspected as an accessory use to the A-3 occupancy and A-3 occupancy provisions are applicable.
 - Regardless of the license holder, if care will be provided to the general public’s children not related to the church functions it shall be inspected to either an E occupancy child care center, an I-4 occupancy child care center or an I-4 occupancy classified as an E occupancy child care center.

