



**BUILDING CODE MANUAL
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION
Based on the 2011 LACBC**

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DAY-CARE FACILITIES

In the 2010 California Building Code, the State Fire Marshall has introduced many amendments regarding day-care facilities. Such facilities are classified based on whether the care provided is less than 24 hour per day or not; the number and the age group of individuals that are being taken care of, and ambulatory or nonambulatory, and if within a supervised environment. A table is attached to further assist you in properly determining the occupancy classification.

Applying Disabled Access Requirements and Plumbing Fixture requirements:

Group E and I Occupancy requirements for disabled access and number of plumbing fixtures shall apply as indicated in the Building Code and Plumbing Code, respectively. Depending on the specific case involved, Group R occupancies may be subjected to the non-residential requirements of the Code for plumbing fixture or for disabled access.

Prior to issuance of a building permit, approvals are required from Fire and Regional Planning Departments for all day-care facilities. Furthermore, approval from State Department of Social Services is required for licensed facilities. Approvals from State Department of Social services must show all of the following:

1. Total capacity of the family day care.
2. Client Groups served.
3. Ages of children
4. Number of non-ambulatory

Supersedes BCM 305.3 Article 1 dated 05-01-97

OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION FOR DAY-CARE FACILITIES

Code Section	Hours of Operation	Age	# of Persons	Special Evacuation Requirements	Occupancy Classification
305.2	< 24 hrs/day	≥ 2 yrs	> 6	NA	Group E – Day Care
308.5.2, Exception provision	< 24 hrs/day	< 2 yrs	> 6 and ≤ 100	NA	Group E – Day Care (located on level of exit discharge and each room has exit directly to the exterior)
308.3.2	< 24 hrs/day	ANY	> 5	Patients are incapable of unassisted self-preservation	Group I-2.1, an outpatient facility
308.5.1	< 24 hrs/day	ADULTS	> 5	Provide supervision and personal care	Group I-4, Adult Day Care Facility
308.5.2	< 24 hrs/day	< 2 yrs	> 6	Provide supervision and personal care	Group I-4, Child Day Care Facility
308.5 & 310.1	< 24 hrs/day	ANY	≤ 6	NA	Group R-3,
308.3	24 hrs/day	< 2 yrs	> 6	Nonambulatory, unlimited ambulatory patients	Group I-2, medical, surgical, physiatrist nursing
310	24 hrs/day	ANY	> 6 ambulatory ≤ 6 nonambulatory	NA	Group R-4, Adult Day Care Facility see Section 425 if licensed
310.1	24 hrs/day	ANY	≤ 14 Family Day Care	NA	Group R-3
310.1	24 hrs/day	ANY	> 6	Bedridden or Nonambulatory, licensed or non-licensed	Group R-2.1, see section 425 if licensed
310.1	24 hrs/day	ANY	≤ 6	Ambulatory or nonambulatory, licensed	Group R-3.1

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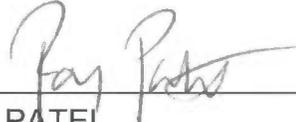
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