



## **Attention: Family Child Care Providers & Network**

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The City of Philadelphia is proud to partner with you to provide safe learning spaces for Philadelphia's children. We recently published a new resource that you may find helpful for understanding and communicating about licensing and fire safety in particular: "Licenses and Inspections Fire Safety Requirements for Family Child Care." It can be found here:

<https://www.phila.gov/documents/child-care-business-materials/>

As a reminder, the City of Philadelphia Department of Licenses and Inspections (L&I) regulates family child care providers. L&I works with the Department of Health and other City and State partners to ensure that child care centers in the city are safe and properly regulated.

Regarding fire safety: Licensed Family Child Care Homes in Philadelphia receive an annual fire inspection conducted by L&I. In addition to the L&I annual fire inspection, State Department of Human Services (DHS) Certification representatives will perform a fire safety check during initial, renewal, unannounced, complaint and negative sanction monitoring inspections. In order to maintain compliance during these checks, providers can demonstrate or provide documentation of an operable fire detection system covering all floors and basement, if applicable. If fire safety compliance cannot be demonstrated and an acceptable plan of correction cannot be accepted, DHS Certification will refer the facility to L&I, who will then perform a full fire inspection.

The L&I Fire Safety Requirements for Family Child Care fact sheet has been published to assist family child care providers with understanding what the fire inspection will include, so that they can be best prepared to avoid any potential lapses in service or facility closures due to any found fire safety noncompliance.

The information is published in six languages: English, Spanish, simplified Chinese, Russian, Khmer (Cambodian), French.

If you have any questions, please contact Philly311 by dialing 311 or emailing [Philly311@phila.gov](mailto:Philly311@phila.gov).

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