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2009 International Fire Code (IFC) Retroactive Requirements:

ALL DAYCARES –

Exit Sign illumination – with Power Backup is required, if more than one exit is required. (2009 IFC-4604.3, 4604.4, 1011.1) **Several different types of exit sign illumination are acceptable for use. Whichever is chosen for use must be **UL Listed** (Underwriters Laboratory). The illuminated exit sign must also be installed according to the **UL Listing** and the **Manufacturer's Recommendation**.

Emergency Lighting - Where more than one exit is required, emergency lighting is required in interior stairs, *corridors*, and windowless areas with student occupancy, shops and laboratories. (2009 IFC, 4604.5) (These lights must be able to light-up during power outage)

DAYCARES LICENSED FOR OVER 49 –

Manual Fire Alarm System is required. (2009 IFC, 4603.6) Monitoring is required if licensed for 100 or more children. (NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, State Law)

*** A Manual Fire Alarm System shall consist of: Pull Station by each entrance and exit out of the building, Audio/Visual Devices in each space (where they can be seen and heard in all spaces), and all Smoke Detectors tied into the system. (4603.6, 907.2.3, 907.2.6.4, 907.3, 907.4, 907.5, and 907.6)

The Austin Fire Dept. requires smoke detectors in corridors, sleeping rooms, recreation areas, and lounges, per 2009 IFC amendments and 2009 Building Code. TXDPRS (state licensing) requires smoke detectors be located in each room used by children. (TXDPRS 746.5311) Even though AFD only requires smoke detectors in these few areas, all smoke detectors installed shall be connected to the building fire alarm system. (2009 IFC, 907.2.3)

The Fire Alarm Company contracted to do the work is required to submit plans to the Fire Marshal's Office for approval. (2009 IFC 907.1.2)