

OKLAHOMA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION
AND CODE DIRECTIVE #3

DAY CARE CENTERS/HOMES

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The State Fire Marshal's Office has adopted NFPA-101, *Life Safety Code*, (2003 Edition). This document can be used in the assessment of new, or existing, structure to be used as “day care homes” or “day care facilities.”

Newly constructed buildings, to house day care centers, shall include all of the required items, detailed in Chapter 16, *Life Safety Code* 101, in the design configuration; as well as the minimum requirements of the *International Building Code* (2003 Edition). Existing day-care facilities should comply with Chapter 17, *Life Safety Code* 101 and the *International Fire Code*, both 2003 Editions.

Facilities that received a fire clearance during the interim period, after adoption of the *International Building Code*, but before this directive, shall be given a reasonable period of time to comply with the Life Safety Code requirements.

The alternate use of a sign, in lieu of a hood and duct fire suppression system shall continue to be permissible, for range top appliance, as long as no grease-laden vapors are produced. The sign shall be durable, permanent and shall read, “**No frying of foods allowed by order of the State Fire Marshal**”.

Signed: Robert Doke

Fire Marshal

February 8, 2005

Date