

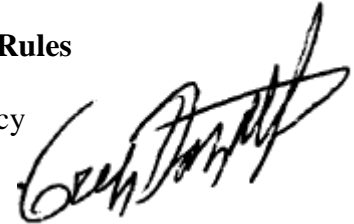
NOTICE TO DAY CARE AND GROUP DAY CARE HOME PROVIDERS

(Esta nota en Español se encuentra al reverso)

Adopted Amendments to Day Care Licensing Rules

From: Greg Donathan, Deputy Director of Policy and Advocacy

Date: December 2013



The licensing rules for day care and group day care homes have been recently amended. These amendments comply with statutory requirements of radon testing and a provision that allows the provider's own school age children to be counted in the extended capacity. The specific language of these amendments in **Part 406, Licensing Standards for Day Care Home** and **Part 408, Licensing Standards for Group Day Care Homes** can be accessed by going to the Department's website at:

http://www.state.il.us/dcf/policy/pr_policy_rules.shtml

The following is a summary of the adopted amendments:

Radon Test

Attached is a flyer issued by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency regarding this mandatory Radon Test.

The law requires that each day care home be tested for radon at least once every 3 years. The results of the test are to be posted in an area visible to the parents along with a informative notice to parents about the effects of radon. The attached form CFS 585-2, Facility's Radon Test Certification, is the form where results of the radon test are to be written and posted. The law does not require, at this time, for day care homes to mitigate high levels of radon. However, if you would like to mitigate, please visit www.radon.illinois.gov for a list of licensed mitigation professionals in Illinois.

Extended Capacity

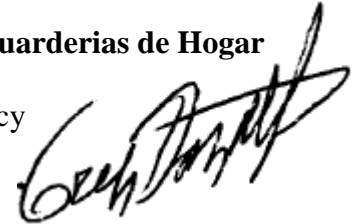
When a licensee has been granted the extended 4 school-age capacity addendum in writing, a caregiver's own full-time school age children may be counted in the additional 4 school-age children provided that when there are more than 8 children in care, a qualified assistant is present in the home.

**AVISO PARA HOGARES DE GUARDERIA Y HOGARES DE
GUARDERIA DE GRUPO**

Enmiendas Adoptadas a las Normas de Licenciamiento de Guarderías de Hogar

De: Greg Donathan, Deputy Director of Policy and Advocacy

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Las normas de concesión de licencias para guarderías y guarderías de hogares de grupo han sido enmendadas recientemente. Estas modificaciones cumplen los requisitos legales de la pruebas de radón y una disposición que permite a los propios hijos en edad escolar del proveedor que se cuentan en la capacidad extendida. El lenguaje específico de estas modificaciones en la Parte 406, Normas de Licencia para Hogar de Guarderia y Parte 408, Normas de Licencia para Hogar de guardería de Grupo pueden ser accedidas desde la página web del Departamento en:

http://www.state.il.us/dcfs/policy/pr_policy_rules.shtml

Lo siguiente es un resumen de las adoptadas enmiendas:

Prueba de Radon

Se adjunta un folleto publicado por la Agencia de la Administración de Emergencias en Illinois sobre este examen obligatorio de Radon.

La ley requiere que cada hogar de guardería haga una prueba de radón del hogar al menos una vez cada 3 años. Los resultados de la prueba deberán ser colocados en un lugar visible para los padres y junto con una nota informativa a los padres sobre el efecto del radón. El formulario adjunto **CFS 585-2, Certificado de Prueba de Radon en la Ubicación**, es el formulario donde se anotara el resultado de la prueba de radón. La ley no exige, en este momento, que los hogares de guardería mitiguen los altos niveles de radón. Sin embargo, si usted desea mitigar, puede visitar www.radon.illinois.gov para obtener una lista de profesionales de mitigación con licencia en Illinois.

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Capacidad Ampliada

Cuando a un titular de licencia se le ha otorgado por escrito la capacidad ampliada de 4 niños de edad escolar, los hijos propios del cuidador en edad escolar y a tiempo completo, podrán ser incluidos en la capacidad ampliada de los 4 niños de edad escolar adicionales siempre que cuando hayan más de 8 niños en cuidado y, un asistente calificado este presente en el hogar.

Facility's Radon Test Certification

Facility Name: _____

Facility Address: _____

The most current Radon test of this facility was on: _____

The result of the test is: _____

A copy of the Radon test report can be provided to you upon request.

Information on Radon

“Every parent or guardian is notified that this facility has performed radon measurement to ensure the health and safety of the occupants. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)) recommends that all residential homes be tested and that corrective action be taken at levels equal to or greater than 4.0 pCi/L. Radon is a Class A human carcinogen, the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall. For additional information about this facility contact the licensee and for additional information regarding radon contact the IEMS Radon Program at 800-325-1245 or on the Internet at: www.radon.illinois.gov.”

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Radon Testing in Illinois Daycares

IMPORTANT DATES: January 1, 2013 – The daycare legislation went into effect
January 1, 2014 – Proof of radon measurement is required every 3 years to renew or apply for a new daycare license

Non-residential daycare facilities

If the daycare is not in a residential home, you must hire a licensed measurement professional to test the facility.

Where to find a licensed radon measurement professional?

- Go to www.radon.illinois.gov
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and click “List of Licensed Professionals for Commercial Buildings”

Home Daycares

If you run a home daycare, you have two options to test for radon:

1. If you reside in the home, you may purchase a “do-it-yourself” home test kit and test.
2. You may hire a licensed measurement professional to test your home.

Where to get a home test kit?

- Go to www.radon.illinois.gov
- Local home improvement stores

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the typical cost of a home test kit?

They range in price from around \$10-\$30. If you purchase a kit from a local home improvement store, make sure the kit has not expired and check to see if the price includes the lab analysis.

What if the daycare is located within a school?

If the daycare is licensed under the Illinois School Code, a school district employee may complete an online training course and pass an examination by IEMA to perform measurements in their school district buildings. The school also has the option of hiring a licensed measurement professional. Find more information at www.radon.illinois.gov.

What if the test results are above the USEPA’s action level of 4.0 pCi/L?

The results of the radon measurement must be posted next to the daycare’s license. The law does not require a daycare to mitigate the radon levels if they are above this level. If you would like to mitigate, please visit www.radon.illinois.gov for a list of licensed mitigation professionals in Illinois.

What is the approximate cost of hiring a licensed measurement professional?

For a home daycare, the typical cost can range from \$125-\$150. The cost for testing a facility varies with size; however, the typical cost can range from \$500 -\$1500. The daycare is responsible for the testing cost.

Who is required to test?

Licensed day care centers, licensed day care homes, and licensed group day care homes.

For More Information, Contact:

IEMA Radon Program
1-800-325-1245



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