



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Large Family Day Cares in R-1 Occupancies		
Code Section(s)			
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- 1. Was it the intent of the statutes to permit the operation of large family day-care facilities within dwelling units of Group R-1 occupancies, or is it the intent to permit these facilities to operate within single family dwellings only?**

It was not the intent of the code to prohibit large family day care homes in Group R, Division 1 Occupancies. While most of these facilities may be found in single family dwellings, a large family day care facility may be located in an Group R, Division 1 occupancy (such as an apartment building) if all the code provisions are met (e.g., day cares may not be located above or below the first story as per Section 310.15.5; the occupant load as per Table 10-A must not be exceeded; two exits must be provided from the apartment housing the day care as per table 10-A, etc.). It is the responsibility of the authority having jurisdiction to determine the compliance with applicable code provisions.