



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Occupant capacity in Large Family Day Care Homes		
Code Section(s)	CBC 2001 Table 10-A		
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1. How many children can you care for in a large family day care home?

According to Health and Safety Code 1596.78, for a large family day care in the provider's own home, the max occupant load is 14 children, inclusive, including children under the age of 10 who reside at the home regardless of the square footage.

2. Is it the intent of the State Fire Marshal to include CBC table 10-A as part of CBC 310.15 (d) to promote the fire and life safety of the children in the day care home?

No. Section 1010 of the 2001 California Building Code specifically states that Table 10-A is not applicable to large family day-care homes.