Maximum Occupant Load for a Day Care Facility

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Question:
What is the maximum occupant load for a Day Care Facility?

Answer:
The maximum occupant load for a Day Care Facility is based on the age of the clients and the occupancy type of the facility.

- Residential Group R-3:
  - Adult Care facilities – five or fewer persons of any age, excluding staff
  - Child Care facilities – eight or fewer persons with no more than five that are of preschool age, excluding staff. (Section 310.1)

- Residential Group R-4 (Any age):
  - More than five but not more than 16 occupants, excluding staff. (Section 310.1)

- Education Group E:
  - 6 to 100 children preschool aged 2½ years or less (Section 310.1)
  - More than 5 children 2½ years through 12th Grade (Section 305.2)

- Institutional Group I-4:
  - Adult Care facilities – six or more (Section 308.5.1).
  - Child Care facilities – six or more (Section 308.5.2).

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