

Types of Child Care Inspections

Child care programs are required to be inspected under the Social Services Law Section 390. Understanding what to expect will help you be prepared for all types of inspections. Understanding the regulations can help you be an effective advocate for yourself and your child care program.

The types of inspections you might have are:

- **Initial Inspection**
- **Fire/Safety Inspection**
- **Monitoring Inspection**
- **Complaint Inspection**
- **50% or Renewal Inspection**

Initial Inspections occur following submission of a new application, including when a program moves to a new space, or changes modality. This type of inspection is scheduled or announced.

Fire/Safety Inspections occur before a program opens, before a pool can be used, if a program is adding or changing rooms or anytime during the licensing or registration period when there is a fire/safety concern. These inspections are required for all child care providers. This type of inspection is generally scheduled or announced.

Monitoring Inspections can occur at anytime and is required following any serious violation or a series of 5 or more violations. It is also required following a self-report, injury, accident, serious contagious illness, death of a child or medication error. These inspections may also occur as part of a Safety Assessment related to a criminal history review.

A Monitoring Inspection may be required to verify that corrective action has been taken to resolve a compliance issue. It is required if a program or provider fails to submit a written corrective action plan or has not completed training requirements prior to renewal. Monitoring inspections may be scheduled or unannounced.

Complaint Inspections occur following receipt of a complaint and is conducted within 5 business days of receipt of a complaint regarding serious allegations or conducted within 10 to 15 calendar days of receipt of a non-emergency allegation. This type of inspection is generally unannounced.

50% or Renewal Inspections occur at least once during each licensing or registration period. This type of inspection is usually scheduled or announced.