



# OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

## Code Interpretation 22-002

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# Large Family Day Care

## Single Action Door Handle Requirements

### OVERVIEW

**Code** California Building Code (CBC) California Residential Code (CRC)  
(CBC) Section 1006.2.2.7, (CRC) Section R336.8

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### QUESTION

Are single-action door handles required for Large Family Day Care homes?

### ANSWER

Yes, single operations latching/unlatching would be required, as required in CRC Section R336.8 and CBC Section 1006.2.2.7.

Egress doors are permitted to be locked to prevent entry but must be capable of being unlocked and readily openable from the side from which egress is to be made. In other words, the outside of a door can be key locked as long as the inside (the side from which egress is to be made) can be unlocked without the use of tools, keys or special knowledge or effort. For example, an unlocking operation that is integral with an unlatching operation is acceptable.