61:15:06:06. Floor covering requirements. Interior floor finish materials in a group family day care home shall be a Class 2 material in required exits, exit passageways, or corridors providing exit access. A Class 2 material is any material having a minimum critical radiant flux of 0.22 watts per square centimeter as established by the procedures specified in NFPA-253, "Standard Method of Test for Critical Radiant Flux of Floor Covering Systems Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source," 2006 edition. If an automatic sprinkler system is installed, floor covering materials need not be classified. Floor covering requirements apply to new construction and to replacing of floor covering in an existing facility.

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**Reference:** NFPA 253, "Standard Method of Test for Critical Radiant Flux of Floor Covering Systems Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source," 2006 edition, National Fire Protection Association. Copies may be obtained from the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169-9101; \$28.35 for members and \$31.50 for nonmembers. Telephone: 1-800-344-3555.

