

Exit Sign

Definition: Device that is readily visible and identifies the egress route in case of an emergency.

Name N/A
Variants:

Most plastic, metal
Common
Materials:

Most Base, placard that reads "EXIT"
Common
Components: If electrical: test switch, light source

Location & Inspection of Exit Sign

Abilities or Knowledge Needed:	- Visual acuity for location & inspection - Mobility for access to all areas of the property - Understanding of item's components
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Tools for Location & Inspection	Useful:	Device to compress test button for testing
	Required:	None

Common Locations:	Unit/Inside:	Hallways, stairwells, Storage rooms, and rooms (aside from closet-sized rooms) that don't have windows
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How to Locate:	Visual Observation:	Look at ceilings—or where the wall meets the ceiling—near doorways and along pathways to doorways in hallways, stairwells, storage rooms, and any large room without windows or an obvious exit. Newer places may, alternatively, have exit signs at approximately doorknob height.
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Possible Deficiencies:	Deficiency 1:	Exit sign is obscured from view
	Deficiency 2:	Test button is unresponsive

Deficiency 1: Exit sign is obscured from view

Rationale code(s): Maintenance: Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.

Health and Safety: Prevents or delays residents from locating an exit in an emergency.

Health and Safety **Severe:** **This is a life-threatening or severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.**

How to Inspect: Visual Observation: Look at the exit sign from multiple angles to ensure the sign is readily visible. Look at the immediate area of the wall or ceiling around the exit sign for any object, such as a decoration, plant, or any other material that obscures the sign from view.

Record deficiency if: An object is present that obscures the exit sign from being readily visible.

Deficiency 2: Test button is unresponsive

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Health and Safety	Severe:	This is a life-threatening or severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.
How to Inspect:	Visual Observation:	Look at exit sign to see if it has a test button. If not, disregard record this deficiency. If test button is present, press.
Record deficiency if:	After pressing the test button, the sign does not illuminate.	