

## Exit Sign Version 1-1 (26 Nov 2019)

### Summary of Changes (Version 1-1)

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Definition: Device or placard that identifies the egress route in case of an emergency.

Name Variants: AC Powered, AC Powered with battery back-up, AC Powered with in-line generator back-up, photoluminescent, basic placards.

Most Common Materials: plastic, metal,

Most Common Components: Base, placard that reads "EXIT", directional arrows  
If electrical: test switch, incandescent or LED lights

## Location & Inspection of Exit Sign Version 1-1

Tools for Location & Inspection	Useful: Required:	Device to compress test button for testing None
Common Locations:	Inside:	Hallways, stairwells, large rooms, gathering areas, and series of connected rooms.
Possible Deficiencies:	Deficiency 1: Deficiency 2: Deficiency 3:	Exit sign is blocked Lighted exit sign does not illuminate Exit sign is damaged/missing

## Deficiency 1: Exit sign is blocked Version 1-1

Rationale code(s):	Maintenance:  Health and Safety:	Indicates Property Management / Maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.  Prevents or delays residents from locating an exit in an emergency.
Health and Safety	<b>Severe:</b>	<b>This is a life-threatening or severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.</b>
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.
Inspection process & procedures:		<b>Combination auxiliary light and exit sign devices must be recorded individually if device does not function.</b>
Record deficiency if:		An object is blocking the exit sign from full view. OR The exit sign has been altered or covered in any way to be un-readable.

**Deficiency 2:**            **Lighted exit sign does not illuminate Version 1-1**

Rationale code(s):	Maintenance:	Indicates Property Management / 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	<b>Severe:</b>	<b>This is a life-threatening or severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.</b>
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How to Inspect:	Visual Observation:	Look at the exit sign to see if it has a test button.
	Action:	If test button is present, press and hold test button for 30 sec. Back up battery powered light should come on and stay on for the entire 30 sec. If there is no test button, ensure the AC powered sign is fully lit. Inspectors must be aware that some AC powered signs may have un-utilized test buttons and some back up batteries may be remotely located.
Inspection process & procedures:		<b>Combination auxiliary light and exit sign devices must be recorded individually if device does not function.</b>

Record deficiency if:		After pressing the test button, the exit sign does not illuminate. OR The AC powered exit sign is not fully lit.
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## Deficiency 3: Exit sign is damaged/ missing Version 1-1

Rationale code(s): Maintenance: Indicates Property Management / 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 to see if it has damage, missing pieces or is hanging loose from its mount (not securely affixed). Look for evidence that points to a sign that was installed but is missing at the time of inspection.

Inspection process & procedures:

**This deficiency applies to physical damage only, a sign that is not lit will recorded under "Lighted exit sign does not illuminate".**

**Combination auxiliary light and exit sign devices must be recorded individually if device does not function.**

Record deficiency if: Exit sign is broken, cracked, missing pieces, or not securely affixed.

OR

Sign is missing where there is evidence that one was previously installed.