

**TITLE:** EXIT SIGN  
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**DEFINITION:** Device or placard that identifies the egress route in case of an emergency.

**PURPOSE:** The function of lighted LED exit signs is to allow you to find the exit or emergency egress route in the event of an emergency and provide better visibility in a fire situation.

**NAME VARIANTS:** AC-powered; AC-powered with battery back-up; AC-powered with in-line generator back-up; Photoluminescent; Basic placards

**COMMON MATERIALS:** Plastic; Metal

**COMMON COMPONENTS:** Lighting; Batteries; Photoluminescent; Basic placards

**LOCATION:**

|                                     |         |                             |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Unit    | None                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Inside  | Hallway; stairway; corridor |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Outside | Hallway; stairway; corridor |

**MORE INFORMATION:** None

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**DEFICIENCY 1:** Exit sign is damaged, missing, obstructed, or not adequately illuminated.

**LOCATION:**  Inside  Outside

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**DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: EXIT SIGN IS DAMAGED, MISSING, OBSTRUCTED, OR NOT ADEQUATELY ILLUMINATED.**

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 OR  
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 Exit sign is not adequately illuminated.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:** Life-Threatening      The Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death to resident.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

**RATIONALE:**

| CODE | CATEGORY            | TYPE     | DESCRIPTION   | EXPLANATION   |
|------|---------------------|----------|---|---|
| R1   | Health              | Indirect | Condition could affect resident’s mental, or physical, or psychological state.  | If an exit sign is damaged, missing, obstructed, or not adequately illuminated, and there is an emergency, then the resident may be unable to safely and expeditiously exit.  |
| R2   | Safety              | Indirect | Resident could be injured because of this condition.  | If an exit sign is damaged, missing, obstructed, or not adequately illuminated, and there is an emergency, then the resident may be unable to safely and expeditiously exit.  |
| M2   | Routine Maintenance | Direct   | It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency. | Property management would be expected to ensure that staff understand how to identify an exit sign that is damaged, missing, obstructed, or not adequately illuminated. Management practices would be expected to assure prompt creation and prioritization of a work order to remedy this defect, because it may result in health or safety hazards. |

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:**
- Determine if an exit sign is present.
  - If present, visually inspect to identify any damage or evidence that indicates an exit sign was previously installed but is now not present or is incomplete.
  - Verify the exit sign is securely affixed.
  - From multiple viewpoints, verify the word “EXIT” is clearly visible and that the exit sign is not obstructed.
  - Verify the exit sign is adequately illuminated.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

- ACTION:**
- If a test button is present, engage the test button and verify the back-up battery-powered light comes on.
  - If there is no test button, verify the AC-powered sign is fully lit.
- More Information:**
- If multiple signs are present, note the specific area of the impacted sign.
  - Some AC-powered signs may have unutilized test buttons and some back-up batteries may be remotely located.
  - Combination auxiliary light and exit sign devices must be recorded as two individual deficiencies, each within its respective inspectable item.
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**TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:**

- REQUIRED:**
- None
- USEFUL:**
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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

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| FIELD                           | CHANGE  | VERSION     | DATE              |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>Deficiency 1</b>             |   | <b>V2.2</b> | <b>2022-04-18</b> |
| Title                           | Inside & Outside: Revised title   |             |                   |
| Deficiency Criteria             | Inside & Outside: Revised deficiency criteria   |             |                   |
| Rationale                       | Inside & Outside: Revised rationales, types, and explanations                         |             |                   |
| Inspection Process              | Inside & Outside: Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information |             |                   |
| Tools or Equipment              | Inside & Outside: Revised useful and required tools or equipment                      |             |                   |
| <b>Deficiency 2</b>             | <b>Removed deficiency</b>   | <b>V2.2</b> | <b>2022-04-18</b> |
| <b>Deficiency 3</b>             | <b>Removed deficiency</b>   | <b>V2.2</b> | <b>2022-04-18</b> |
| <b>-----</b>                    | <b>Copyedits</b>  | <b>V2.1</b> | <b>2021-04-02</b> |
| <b>Deficiency 1</b>             |   | <b>V2.0</b> | <b>2020-10-28</b> |
| Health and Safety Determination | Added standardized description  |             |                   |
| HCV Pass / Fail                 | Field added; response input as "Fail"   |             |                   |
| <b>Deficiency 2</b>             |   | <b>V2.0</b> | <b>2020-10-28</b> |
| Health and Safety Determination | Added standardized description  |             |                   |
| HCV Pass / Fail                 | Field added; response input as "Fail"   |             |                   |
| <b>Deficiency 3</b>             |   | <b>V2.0</b> | <b>2020-10-28</b> |
| Health and Safety Determination | Added standardized description  |             |                   |
| HCV Pass / Fail                 | Field added; response input as "Fail"   |             |                   |
| <b>Overall Formatting</b>       | <b>Complete rework of document format and layout</b>                                  | <b>V1.3</b> | <b>2020-07-31</b> |
| <b>Purpose</b>                  | <b>Field added</b>  | <b>V1.3</b> | <b>2020-07-31</b> |
| <b>Common Components</b>        | <b>Revised common components</b>  | <b>V1.3</b> | <b>2020-07-31</b> |

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|---------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>Location</b>                 | <b>Revised inspectable locations</b>   | <b>VI.3</b> | <b>2020-07-31</b> |
| <b>More Information</b>         | <b>Field added</b>   | <b>VI.3</b> | <b>2020-07-31</b> |
| <b>Deficiency 1</b>             | <b>Separated by inspectable locations — Inside and Outside</b>                                   | <b>VI.3</b> | <b>2020-07-31</b> |
| Title                           | Revised title; added inspectable locations   |             |                   |
| Deficiency Criteria             | Revised deficiency criteria  |             |                   |
| Health and Safety Determination | Revised to “Life-Threatening” determination; added standardized description                      |             |                   |
| Correction Timeframe            | Field added; response input as “24 hours”  |             |                   |
| HCV — Correction Timeframe      | Field added; response input as “24 hours”  |             |                   |
| Rationale                       | Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions |             |                   |
| Inspection Process              | Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information                              |             |                   |
| Tools or Equipment              | Field added to deficiency; response revised  |             |                   |
| <b>Deficiency 2</b>             | <b>Separated by inspectable locations — Inside and Outside</b>                                   | <b>VI.3</b> | <b>2020-07-31</b> |
| Title                           | Revised title; added inspectable locations   |             |                   |
| Deficiency Criteria             | Revised deficiency criteria  |             |                   |
| Health and Safety Determination | Revised to “Standard” determination; added standardized description                              |             |                   |
| Correction Timeframe            | Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”  |             |                   |
| HCV — Correction Timeframe      | Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”  |             |                   |
| Rationale                       | Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions |             |                   |
| Inspection Process              | Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information                              |             |                   |
| Tools or Equipment              | Field added to deficiency; response revised  |             |                   |
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| Title                           | Revised title; added inspectable locations   |             |                   |
| Deficiency Criteria             | Revised deficiency criteria  |             |                   |
| Health and Safety Determination | Revised to “Severe Non-Life-Threatening”; added standardized description                         |             |                   |
| Correction Timeframe            | Field added; response input as “24 hours”  |             |                   |
| HCV — Correction Timeframe      | Field added; response input as “30 days”   |             |                   |

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| Rationale          | Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions |
| Inspection Process | Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information                              |
| Tools or Equipment | Field added to deficiency; response revised  |
| Copy edits         | ----- VI-I 2019-11-26  |