

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.

COMMON COMPONENTS: Lighting; Batteries; Photoluminescent; Basic placards

LOCATION:  Unit None  
 Inside Hallway; stairway; corridor  
 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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 Exit sign is not adequately illuminated.

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

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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.
  - Visually verify the exit sign is 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.
  - If the back-up battery is remotely located, the POA may direct the inspector to the remote location and demonstrate its functionality.
  - Combination auxiliary light and exit sign devices must be recorded as two individual deficiencies, each within its respective inspectable item.

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