



## Resource Guide

Subject:	Exit Sign
Facility Site Review Source:	Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) All Plan Letter 20-006, Site Reviews: Facility Site Review and Medical Record Review or any superseding APL
Relevant Law/Standard:	29 CFR §1910.37: Maintenance, safeguards, and operational features for exit routes.
Agency/Organization Source:	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Agency/Organization URL	<a href="https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/3216.html">https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/3216.html</a>

**Background:**

Site environment is safe for all patients, visitors, and personnel.

**Standard:**

Exit doors are clearly marked with “Exit” signs. Signs must be posted in visible areas, such as hallways, exam rooms and patient waiting areas.

Each exit sign must have the word “Exit” in plainly legible letters not less than six inches (15.2 cm) high, with the principal strokes of the letters in the word “Exit” not less than three-fourths of an inch (1.9 cm) wide.

While 29 CFR [1910.37(b)] does not specifically require employers to provide exit signs which can be understood by persons with disabilities, in keeping with the policies of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) strongly encourages all employers to provide such signage whenever appropriate.

**Purpose:**

Exit doorways are unobstructed and clearly marked by a readily visible “Exit” sign.

**Information:**

Standard 29 CFR 1910 Subpart E says the exit routes have to be located as far away from each other as possible so that if one route is blocked by fire or smoke, employees can use the other route to escape.

However, a single exit route is allowed where the number of employees, the size of the building, or the arrangement of the workplace would enable all employees to exit safely during an emergency.

Fire escapes, accessible windows, or other means of escape should be available where only one exit route is provided.

In some workplaces, more than two exit routes may be necessary to safely evacuate all employees.

Appendix A: Printable Exit Sign



**Appendix B:** Exit signs are available for purchase online. See examples below.



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