



Long-Term Care Regulatory Provider Letter (PL)

Number: PL 18-05 (ALF)
Title: Accessibility Standards in Assisted Living Facilities
Provider Types: Assisted Living Facilities (ALF)
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1.0 Subject and Purpose

This letter describes procedures related to enforcement of accessibility standards during initial Life Safety Code (LSC) inspections for Assisted Living Facilities.

2.0 Policy Details

Senate Bill 1049, 85th Legislature, 2017 added §247.0264 to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 247, that affirms the role of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) in the interpretation and enforcement of accessibility standards in assisted living facilities. Effective September 1, 2017, a Health and Human Services (HHSC) inspector may not cite a facility during an initial LSC inspection for a violation related to accessibility standards if an on-site inspection of the facility has been completed by a Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) licensed by TDLR. If a violation of an accessibility standard is identified, HHSC will file an online complaint with TDLR against the facility and/or the RAS inspector.

3.0 Contact Information

If you have any questions about Texas Accessibility Standards or RAS inspections, you may contact TDLR at (800) 803-9202. If you have general questions regarding Assisted Living Facility licensing standards, please contact the Policy, Rules and Training section at (512) 438-3161.

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