



### ALF Life Safety Code Alzheimer's Certification Checklist

Facility Name	ID #
Inspection Exit Date	Phone #
Street address	City
State	Zip code
Area Code and telephone No.	

**Important Notes: This is an example of a form used by HHSC surveyors and is intended as a provider resource only.**

The items on the following checklist represent 26 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 553, Licensing Standards for ALFs. This checklist applies to an Alzheimer's Certified Type B ALF only. Potential violations of licensure standards are identified on the appropriate checklist by the requirements checked Not Met. When potential violations are identified, a copy of the appropriate checklist is left with the facility at the exit conference. If additional violations are identified after the initial exit conference, an additional exit conference will be conducted regarding the newly identified violations, with specific reference to the standard violated. Other violations in areas not checked still may be pending from previous inspections and are not reflected on this current report.

Note: This checklist contains a brief description of the requirements. Refer to the licensure standards for a complete description of the requirements.

This list contains preliminary areas of potential noncompliance with state requirements, based on findings from the entrance and exit dates listed above.

TAC	Standard	Met	Not Met
<b>§553.311. Physical Plant Requirements for Alzheimer's Units.</b>			
(1)	Alzheimer's units, if segregated from other parts of the Type B facility with approved security devices, must meet the following requirements within the Alzheimer's unit: Resident living areas must be in compliance with applicable requirements in Subchapter D of this chapter (relating to Facility Construction).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2)	Resident dining areas must be in compliance with applicable requirements in Subchapter D of this chapter for resident dining areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3)	Resident toilet and bathing facilities must be in compliance with applicable requirements in Subchapter D of this chapter for resident toilet and bathing facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4)	A monitoring station must be provided within the Alzheimer's unit with a writing surface such as a desk or counter, chair, task illumination, telephone or intercom, and lockable storage for resident records.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5)	Access to at least two approved exits remote from each other must be provided in order to meet the NFPA 101 requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(6)	In large facilities, cross corridor control doors, if used for the security of the residents, must be similar to smoke doors, which are each 34 inches in width and swing in opposite directions. A latch or other fastening device on a door must be provided with a knob, handle, panic bar, or other simple type of releasing device.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(7)	<p>An outdoor area of at least 800 square feet must be provided in at least one contiguous space. This area must be connected to, be a part of, be controlled by, and be directly accessible from the facility.</p> <p>(A) Such areas must have walls or fencing that do not allow climbing or present a hazard and meet the following requirements. These minimum dimensions do not apply to additional fencing erected along property lines or building setback lines for privacy or to meet requirements of local building authorities.</p> <p>(i) Minimum distance of the enclosure fence from the building is 8 feet if the fence is parallel to the building and there are no window openings.</p> <p>(ii) Minimum distance of the enclosure fence (parallel with building walls) from bedroom windows is 20 feet if the fencing is solid and 15 feet from bedroom windows if the fencing is open.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(7)	(B) Access to at least two approved exits remote from each other must be provided from the enclosed area in order to meet the Life Safety Code requirements.		
(7)	<p>(C) If the enclosed area involves a required exit from the building, the following additional requirements must be met:</p> <p>(i) A minimum of two gates must be remotely located from each other if only one exit is enclosed. If two or more exits are enclosed by the fencing and entry access can be made at each door, a minimum of one gate is required.</p> <p>(ii) The gates must be located to provide a continuous path of travel from the building exit to a public way, including walkways of concrete, asphalt, or other approved materials.</p> <p>(iii) If gates are locked, the gate nearest the exit from the building must be locked with an electronic lock that operates the same as electronic locks on control doors or exit doors and is in compliance with the National Electrical Code for exterior exposure. Additional gates may also have electronic locks or may have keyed</p>		

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	locks provided staff carry the keys. All gates may have keyed locks, provided all staff carry the keys, and the outdoor area has an area of refuge which: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. extends beyond a minimum of 30 feet from the building; and</li> <li>II. the area of refuge allows at least 15 square feet per person (resident, staff, visitor) potentially present at the time of a fire.</li> </ol>		
<b>§553.311. Physical Plant Requirements for Alzheimer's Units.</b>			
(8)	Locking devices may be used on the control doors provided the following criteria are met: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) The building must have an approved sprinkler system and an approved fire alarm system to meet the licensing standards.</li> <li>(B) The locking device must be electronic and must be released when any one of the following occurs:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) activation of the fire alarm or sprinkler system;</li> <li>(ii) power failure to the facility; or</li> <li>(iii) activation of a switch or button located at the monitoring station and at the main staff station.</li> </ol> </li> <li>(C) A key pad or buttons may be located at the control doors for routine use by staff.</li> </ol>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(9)	Locking devices may be used on the exit doors provided: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) the locking arrangements meet §7.2.1.6 of the NFPA 101; or</li> <li>(B) the following criteria are met:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the building must have an approved sprinkler system and an approved fire alarm system to meet the licensing standards;</li> <li>(ii) the locking device must be electro-magnetic; that is, no type of throw-bolt is to be used;</li> <li>(iii) the device must release when any one of the following occurs:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. activation of the fire alarm or sprinkler system;</li> <li>II. power failure to the facility; or</li> <li>III. activation of a switch or button located at the monitoring station and at the main staff station;</li> </ol> </li> <li>(iv) a key pad or buttons may be located at the control doors for routine use by staff;</li> <li>(v) a manual fire alarm pull must be located within five feet of each exit door with a sign stating, "Pull to release door in an emergency"; and</li> <li>(vi) staff must be trained in the methods of releasing the door device.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>