

82087.5 Delayed Egress Devices

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To utilize the option of delayed egress devices on exterior doors or perimeter fence gates, the licensee must meet the following initial and continuing requirements: (1) The licensee shall notify the licensing agency immediately after determining the date that the device will be installed. (2) The licensee shall ensure that the fire clearance includes approval of delayed egress devices. (3) Fire and earthquake drills shall be conducted at least once every three months on each shift and shall include, at a minimum, all direct care staff. (4) Without violating Section 82072(a)(6), program staff shall attempt to redirect a client who attempts to leave the program. (5) Clients who continue to indicate a desire to leave the program site following redirection shall be permitted to do so. (6) For each incident in which a client wanders away from the program site unsupervised, the licensee shall report the incident to the licensing agency, the client's conservator and/or other responsible person, if any, and to any family member who has requested notification. The report shall be made by telephone no later than the next working day and in writing within seven calendar days. (7) Delayed egress devices shall not substitute for trained staff in sufficient numbers to meet the care and supervision needs of all clients and to escort clients who leave the program.

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