



Appendix F: Safety Plan Regulatory Applicability by DDS Service Type

Component	Regulatory Reference	24-Hour Residential (ALTR & ABI/MFP)	Site-Based Respite	Shared Living (incl. ABI/MFP)	Individual Home Supports (≥15 hrs/wk)	Site-Based CBDS/ Employment
1. General Information	115 CMR 7.06(3)(a)					
	Required	Required	Required (Leave Names of Individuals Blank)	Required	Required	Required
2. Environmental Standards and Fire Safety Standards	115 CMR 7.07 (a-i)					
	Two means of egress from floors at grade.	Required	Required	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Required
	Accessible Egresses (per 521 CMR & 780 CMR):	Required only if the home is designated as accessible or occupied by an individual with mobility impairments. At least one accessible means of egress must be provided.	At least one accessible means of egress	Required only if the home is occupied by an individual with mobility impairments. At least one accessible means of egress must be provided.	Apply only if provider owns/leases when applicable	Required. At least one accessible means of egress from each accessible space; two required if building code requires two exits.
	One means of egress + one escape route to grade.	Required	Required	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Required when applicable
	Double cylinder dead bolts requiring keys from inside are prohibited.	Required	Required	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Required
	Vertical Chutes sealed	Required	Required	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Not applicable

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	No locks on Bedroom doors With Access to Egress:	Required	Required	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Not applicable
	Bedroom Locks Staff carry/have immediate access to a key at all times.	Required	Required	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
	Bedrooms for Individuals with Mobility Impairments: floor at grade	Required	Required	Required	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Not applicable
	Fire Extinguishers	Required	Required	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Not applicable
	All sites shall have smoke detectors as required by 780 CMR:	Interconnected Smoke Detectors:	Interconnected Smoke Detectors:	Interconnected or battery operated*	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Required
	Smoke Detectors in each bedroom	Required	Required	Required/If Applicable*	Apply only if provider owns/leases	Not applicable
	All sites shall have carbon monoxide detectors as required by 780 CMR	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
3. Environmental Requirement Alternatives (if applicable)	115 CMR 7.07(8)	May request deviation (7.07(8))	May request deviation (7.07(8))	Not applicable	May request deviation (7.07(8))	May request deviation (7.07(8))
4. Individual Abilities & Evacuation Needs	115 CMR 7.06(2); 7.06(3)(b)1,4	Derived from ISP; assessment required	Derived from ISP	Applicable	Derived from ISP	Derived from ISP
	115 CMR 7.06(3)(b)2					

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5. Group Interactions & Dynamics	Provider analysis required	Required	Not Required	Required	Required	Required
6. Procedures for Safe Evacuation	115 CMR 7.06(3)(b)5–6 & 115 CMR 7.05(7)(b)2					
	Must evacuate within 2½ minutes without staff re-entry or within the timeframe specified in the approved FSES waiver.	Must evacuate within 2½ minutes without staff re-entry	Must evacuate within 2½ minutes without staff re-entry	Must evacuate within 2½ minutes	Evacuation within a reasonable timeframe; safe, orderly, timely with staff assigned	
	Minimum staff-to-individual ratios for both awake and asleep Defined overnight/asleep coverage	Minimum staff-to-individual ratios for both awake and asleep Defined overnight/asleep coverage	Minimum staff-to-individual ratios for both awake and asleep Defined overnight/asleep coverage	Not applicable	Minimum staff to individual ratios	
	Separate Plans for Awake and Asleep Hours	Separate Plans for Awake and Asleep Hours	Separate Plans for Awake and Asleep Hours	Not applicable	Not applicable	
7. Fire Drill Implementation	115 CMR 7.06(3)(b)7 and 115 CMR 7.06(3)(b)7(c)					
	4 drills annually (≥2 at night when individuals asleep). May request deviation.	Staff must practice evacuation through mock drills.	Not applicable	Not applicable	2 drills annually. May request deviation.	
8. Emergency Notification Procedures	115 CMR 7.06(3)(b)8					
	Procedures to notify fire, police, DDS, families	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
	115 CMR 7.06(3)(b)9					

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9. Transportation & Temporary Resettlement	Provider/Area Office collaboration required	Required	Required	Required	Individual/provider collaboration	Provider/Area Office collaboration
10. Continuity of Services & Supports	115 CMR 7.06(3)(b)10					
	Medication and care continuity; supports maintained 24–48 hrs pending relocation or return	Required	Required	Placement provider/Area Office collaboration	Individual/provider collaboration	Not Applicable
11. Provider Assurance Form	115 CMR 7.06(3)(c)					
	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

***Smoke Detectors in Bedrooms: Required only if the home was built, renovated, or had bedrooms added on/after Aug. 27, 1997 (per 780 CMR 3603.16)**

For Shared Living Homes (Not owned/Operated by agency):

*** Battery Operated Smoke Detectors:** If the home was constructed, a bedroom was added, or the existing fire protection system was upgraded on or after August 27, 1997, the fire protection system must comply with 3603.16.1 of the Sixth Edition of the Massachusetts State Building Code. If the fire protection system is newly installed, the provider must obtain verification that it has been approved by the Local Building Authority before an Approval to Occupy can be issued.