SAFETY AUDIT CHECKLIST

Maintenance, Safeguards & Operational Features for Exit Routes

Location: _____

Audited by: _____ **Date:** _____

Check the box under Y for "yes" or N for "no" to determine if each item is within compliance.

Y	N		Item #	Repair Date
❑	❑	1. Are exit routes kept free of explosive or highly flammable furnishings or other decorations? 1910.37(a)(1)		
❑	❑	2. Are exit routes arranged so that employees will not have to travel toward a high hazard area, unless the path of travel is effectively shielded from the high hazard area by suitable partitions or other physical barriers? 1910.37(a)(2)		
❑	❑	3. Are exit routes free and unobstructed? 1910.37(a)(3)		
❑	❑	4. Are no materials or equipment placed, either permanently or temporarily, within the exit route? 1910.37(a)(3)		
❑	❑	5. Does the exit access not go through a room that can be locked, such as a bathroom, to reach an exit or exit discharge, nor lead into a dead-end corridor? 1910.37(a)(3)		
❑	❑	6. Are stairs or a ramp provided where the exit route is not substantially level? 1910.37(a)(3)		
❑	❑	7. Are safeguards that are designed to protect employees during an emergency (e.g., sprinkler systems, alarm systems, fire doors, exit lighting) in proper working order at all times? 1910.37(a)(4)		
❑	❑	8. Is each exit route adequately lighted so that an employee with normal vision can see along the exit route? 1910.37(b)(1)		
❑	❑	9. Is each exit clearly visible and marked by a sign reading "Exit?" 1910.37(b)(2)		
❑	❑	10. Is each exit route door free of decorations or signs that obscure the visibility of the exit route door? 1910.37(b)(3)		
❑	❑	11. If the direction of travel to the exit or exit discharge is not immediately apparent, are signs posted along the exit access indicating the direction of travel to the nearest exit and exit discharge? 1910.37(b)(4)		
❑	❑	12. Is the line-of-sight to an exit sign clearly visible at all times? 1910.37(b)(4)		
❑	❑	13. Is each doorway or passage along an exit access that could be mistaken for an exit marked "Not an Exit" or similar designation, or be identified by a sign indicating its actual use (e.g., closet)? 1910.37(b)(5)		
❑	❑	14. Is each exit sign illuminated to a surface value of at least 5 foot-candles (54 lux) by a reliable light source and be distinctive in color? 1910.37(b)(6)		
❑	❑	15. If self-luminous or electroluminescent signs are used, do they have a minimum luminance surface value of at least .06 footlamberts (0.21 cd/m2)? 1910.37(b)(6)		
❑	❑	16. Does each exit sign have the word "Exit" in plainly legible letters not less than 6 inches (15.2 cm) high, with the principal strokes of the letters in the word "Exit" not less than 3/4 of an inch (1.9 cm) wide? 1910.37(b)(7)		
❑	❑	17. Are fire retardant paints or solutions renewed as often as necessary to maintain their fire retardant properties? 1910.37(c)		
❑	❑	18. During new construction, are employees prohibited from occupying a workplace until the exit routes are completed and ready for employee use for the portion of the workplace they occupy? 1910.37(d)(1)		
❑	❑	19. During repairs or alterations, are employees prohibited from occupying a workplace unless the exit routes are available and existing fire protections are maintained, or until alternate fire protection is furnished that provides an equivalent level of safety? 1910.37(d)(2)		
❑	❑	20. Are employees not exposed to hazards of flammable or explosive substances or equipment used during construction, repairs, or alterations, that are beyond the normal permissible conditions in the workplace, or that would impede exiting the workplace? 1910.37(d)(3)		

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❑	❑	21. Has the employer installed and maintained an operable employee alarm system that has a distinctive signal to warn employees of fire or other emergencies, unless employees can promptly see or smell a fire or other hazard in time to provide adequate warning to them? 1910.37(e)			
❑	❑	22. Does the employee alarm system comply with § 1910.165? 1910.37(e)			

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