



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
AGING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION  
**1200 Alder Street, Union Gap, WA 98903**

Amber Waves ALF LLC  
Amber Waves ALF LLC  
PO Box 368  
Waterville, WA 98858

RE: Amber Waves ALF LLC License # 2324

Dear Administrator:

This letter addresses Compliance Determination(s) 44649 (Completion Date 07/24/2024) and 42366 (Completion Date 06/07/2024).

The Department completed a follow-up inspection of your Assisted Living Facility on 07/24/2024 and found no deficiencies. Your facility meets the Assisted Living Facility licensing requirements.

The Department found that deficiencies for the following licensing laws and regulations were corrected:

WAC 388-78A-2040-1, WAC 388-78A-2700-1-g-i, WAC 388-78A-2700-1-g-ii, WAC 388-78A-2700-1-g-iii

The Department staff who did the on-site verification:

Nicole Velazquez, Community Complaint Investigator

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509)572-7394.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Closner*

Michelle Closner, Field Manager  
Region 1, Unit C  
Residential Care Services



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You are required to be in compliance at all times with all licensing laws and regulations to maintain your Assisted Living Facility license.

The department completed data collection for an unannounced on-site follow-up on 06/07/2024 and 06/07/2024 of:

Amber Waves ALF LLC  
302 East Ash Street  
Waterville, WA 98858

This document references the following SOD dated: 06/07/2024

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From:

DSHS, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration  
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As a result of the on-site visit(s) the department found that you are not in compliance with the licensing laws and regulations as stated in the cited deficiencies in the enclosed report.

*Michelle Closner*

Residential Care Services

06/11/2024

Date

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Interview on 06/07/2024 at 11:05 AM, Staff A, Administrator, did not provide any staff education on the required reporting to the DSFM for guidance on fire watch, or what to do if there was an interruption in the ALF's fire suppression system. In addition, Staff A had not written any policies for staff to follow.

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Administrator (or Representative)

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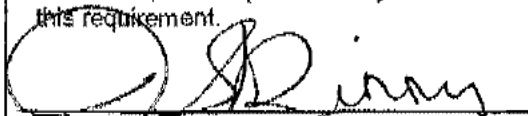
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6-14-24  
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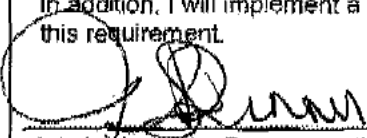
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## Residential Care Services Investigation Summary Report

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**Provider/Facility:** Amber Waves ALF LLC      **Provider Type:** Assisted Living Facility  
**License/Cert.#:** 2324  
**Compliance Determination #:** 39114      **Intake ID:** 124842  
**Investigator:** Nicole Velazquez      **Region/Unit #:** RCS Region 1 / Unit G  
**Investigation Date(s):** 03/28/2024 through 04/11/2024  
**Complainant Contact Date(s):**

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### Allegation(s):

The facility had a water leak with interruption to their fire suppression system.

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### Investigation Methods:

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| <b>Sample:</b>         | Total residents: 14<br>Resident sample size: 14<br>Closed records sample size: 0               |
| <b>Observations:</b>   | Environment, Fire System panel, penetration in ceiling.                                        |
| <b>Interviews:</b>     | Facility staff, Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM), and others not associated with the facility. |
| <b>Record Reviews:</b> | Facility policies, Outside provider letters and reports, Deputy State Fire Marshal report      |

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### Investigation Summary:

Observation, interview and record review showed that the facility fire suppression system water pipe burst on 01/17/2023. The facility failed to make notifications to the department and the DSFM, failed to perform and document fire watch and failed to have policies in place for internal disaster.

Failed Practices Identified, WAC 388-78A-2040(1), WAC 388-78A-2650(2)(3), and WAC 388-78A-2700(1)(g)(i)(ii)(iii); reference Statement of Deficiencies dated 04/11/2024.

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### Conclusion / Action:

- ☒ Failed Provider Practice Identified / Citation(s) Written
- ☐ Failed Provider Practice Not Identified / No Citation Written
- ☐ N/A



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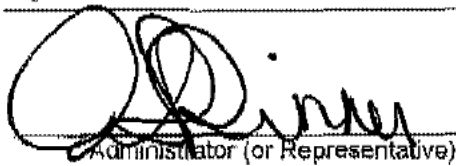
*Gwin Kaercher*  
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The facility was unable to provide documentation of fire watch while the fire suppression system was not functioning during repairs on 01/17/2024.

During an interview on 03/28/2024 at 12:45 PM, Collateral Contact 1 (CC1) stated that they had not received any reports regarding interruption in the ALF's fire suppression system.

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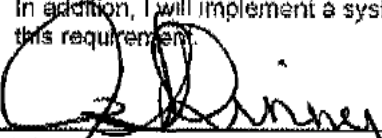
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4.30.24  
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This was an oversight there was a disaster plan in place just missed it. it was sent to Nicole by ~~the~~ photo

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