

**Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Health Facilities Division
Adult Services Civil Penalty Citation**

Date: 6/1/17
Program Name: Legacy Gardens
Address: 15 Silvercrest Place Iowa City, IA 52240
Type of Action: Investigation #66179-I
Date(s) of Action: 5/8/17 – 5/10/17

State Rule #	State Rule	Amount of Civil Penalty
67.3(2)	Based on interviews and record reviews, the program failed to ensure one tenant received the care and services appropriate to her assessed needs (Tenant #1). Findings include: Tenant #1 was admitted on 6/20/15 and had a diagnosis of agitation, dementia, heart murmur, a history of falls, and constipation. Tenant #1's most recent health, functional, and cognitive evaluations, dated 4/22/17, revealed the following: Tenant #1 had fall precautions, required around the clock safety checks, required one person assist for vision assistance, required minor assistance for bathing/dressing/toileting and activities. Tenant #1 was oriented to person and required minor cueing for cognitive issues. Tenant #1's problem areas were identified as: memory, irritability, judgement, and wandering. Tenant #1 had a GDS score of 4. Tenant #1's service plan, dated 12/8/16, indicated the following information regarding his/her moods/behavior: "Resident has a history of agitation, wandering, and exit seeking behaviors." On 5/8/17 an environmental tour and interview with the Director provided the following information: On 2/9/17, six staff supervised 27 tenants. The program had two doors tenants could leave the program and premises from, the front main lobby door and the main back door. All other exits went to secured courtyards. The program was split into two living units, a west side and east side which had alarmed doors going into the lobby area. The main lobby door was also alarmed. When someone exited a door without pressing the code into the keypad, an audible alarm sounds and a paging system alerts all staff members working by pager. Both the audible alarm and the pager alerts would continue to sound until a staff member reset the audible alarm by pressing the keypad and the pager system to all pagers by clearing the pagers using the main lobby computer system. Tenant #1's record and an incident report, dated 2/9/17, revealed the following incident: On 2/9/17 at 6:21 PM, the program received a call from Staff G who worked at a neighboring building Legacy Ridge Independent Living (approximately 50 yards from the Legacy Gardens building), reporting Tenant #1 was at the Ridge building with no staff and appeared disoriented. Program staff had not known Tenant #1 was missing and sent a staff member to the Ridge to escort Tenant #1 back to the program.	\$500.00

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	It is unknown how Tenant #1 left the building. Tenant #1 could have walked out behind a staff member or family member undetected if the individuals leaving did not know Tenant #1 resided at the program. The program did have signs to remind all people entering or leaving to be sensitive to this issue. Computer log systems indicated a service door between units in the back of the building sounded at 5:57 p.m. A staff member accidentally set this alarm off. Computer alarm system logs also indicated someone set off the alarm on the west side unit's door to the lobby area at 6:02 p.m. The log system then showed a 2nd alarm sounded at the main lobby door also at 6:02 p.m. Someone turned off both audible alarms after they sounded by pushing the code on the door pads. No staff admitted to turning off the audible alarms or hearing these alarms from the west unit door into the lobby or the main lobby door at 6:02 p.m. No staff admitted receiving a page from the paging system at 6:02 p.m. Someone did clear the paging system alert on the computer system at 6:10 p.m. for the 5:57 p.m. alarm, the alarm from the west unit door at 6:02 p.m., and the main lobby door at 6:02 p.m. Staff C cleared the 5:57 p.m. pager alert at 6:10 p.m., but did not admit to clearing the other two. On 2/9/17 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:55 p.m., Tenant #1 actively wandered and showed signs of exit seeking. On 5/9/17 at 9:04 a.m., Staff D stated he/she was aware of Tenant #1's history of wandering and exit seeking behavior. On 2/9/17, Staff D observed Tenant #1 walking toward the Southwest exit shortly after 5:50 p.m. Tenant #1 was redirected away from the exit by Staff A. On 5/9/17 at 12:41 PM, Staff F stated he/she was aware of Tenant #1's history of wandering and exit seeking behavior. On 5/9/17 at 12:20 p.m., Staff A stated he/she was aware of Tenant #1's history of wandering and exit seeking behavior. Staff A stated on 2/9/17 at around 5:55 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., he/she escorted Tenant #1 from the east side of the building to the west side of the building. Immediately after, he/she observed Tenant #1 heading toward the northwest courtyard door and had to be redirected by Staff A. Staff A then left the west side of the building to go to the east side. On 5/9/17 at 1:45 PM, Staff B stated he/she was aware of Tenant #1's history of wandering and exit seeking behavior. Staff B stated on 2/9/17 at 4:36 a.m., he/she found Tenant #1 set off the alarms for both the west side and east side units. Staff B turned off the alarms. Immediately after this, Tenant #1 headed straight for the northeast courtyard exit and had to be redirected by Staff E. On 2/9/17 in a written statement made for the Director, Staff C stated he/she came in to work at 6:00 PM on the night of 2/9. Staff C stated he/she heard the 5:57 PM alarm which was a co-worker going through a service door. Staff C stated he/she went and cleared this alarm page. This clear occurred at 6:10 PM which was 13 minutes after the page began for that alarm and 8 minutes after the 6:02 PM alarms which were cleared at the same time, 6:10 PM. Staff C stated he/she had not seen Tenant #1 at all prior to his/her elopement. The program's Alarmed Door Policy and Procedure For Locked Memory Unit revealed the following process: "If a door alarms, staff is	
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	to immediately perform a physical check of the area that is outside of the door that alarmed to ensure that no tenant/resident is outside of the building and then the staff are to perform a physical check of each tenant/resident in the facility to ensure tenant/resident safety and to ensure that no tenant/resident has exited through the alarmed door. If additional assistance is required in performing a physical check of all tenant/residents, staff should radio for additional staff and request assistance in accounting for all of the tenant/residents." No one conducted a physical check of all tenants at the time of the main lobby door alarm at 6:02 PM. On 2/9/17, Tenant #1 was able to leave the premises without staff supervision or knowledge. All staff who worked that night denied hearing the audible alarms at 6:02 PM even though it was turned off by someone. Staff all denied receiving a pager alert from the 6:02 PM alarms even though they were cleared by someone on the computer at 6:10 PM. On 5/10/17 at 3 PM, the Director confirmed the above findings.	
69.32(4)	Based on interviews and record reviews, the program failed to ensure the program's alarm policy covered all areas of the alarm system notification, which included turning off an audible alarm by pressing a code in a keypad, a pager system automatically alerting all staff on duty and the clearing of the pager system after the alarm is investigated. The facility also failed to ensure the system was in working order and all staff were formally trained on the policy. This potentially affected 27 of 27 tenants living at the Program. A review of Tenant #1's record and an incident report, dated 2/9/17, revealed at 6:21 PM, the program received a call from Staff G who worked at a neighboring building, Legacy Ridge Independent Living (approximately 50 yards from the Legacy Gardens building) reporting Tenant #1 was at the Ridge building with no staff and appeared disoriented. Program staff were unaware Tenant #1 was missing and sent a staff member to the Ridge to escort Tenant #1 back to the program. Although it is unknown how the tenant left the building, a very plausible explanation could have been that he/she left at around 6:02 PM when an alarm sounded from the west exit which was where he/she was at during that time period and then a second alarm sounded for the main lobby door leaving the building. No staff admitted to turning off the audible alarm from either alarm, though someone must have. No staff admitted to receiving a page at 6:02 PM or clearing the pager system which was completed at 6:10 PM. On 5/8/17 an environmental tour and interview with the Director provided the following information: On 2/9/17, six staff supervised 27 tenants. The program had two doors tenants could leave the program and premises from, the front main lobby door and the main back door. All other exits go to secured courtyards. The program was split into	\$500.00

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	you could not read what they said on them due to water damage or faded lines going through the screens. On 5/10/17 at 3 PM, the Director confirmed the above findings.	
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