MAPPED TO FLORIDA CH. 429 & RULE 59A-36

2026 Florida AHCA Inspection Readiness Checklist

Five audit categories every Florida ALF Administrator needs squared away before an unannounced AHCA survey — organized around what surveyors actually check under FAC 59A-36.

1 Resident Records & AHCA Form 1823 Compliance

- AHCA Form 1823 (Resident Health Assessment) on file for every resident, completed and signed within the required timeframe
- Health assessments updated per resident condition changes and at required intervals
- Resident contracts signed, dated, and matching current services and fees
- Negotiated risk agreements documented where applicable
- Resident records complete, legible, and stored securely with proper HIPAA safeguards

2 Medication Practices & Assistance Logs (Rule 59A-36.011)

- Medication Observation Records (MORs) current, accurate, and free of unexplained gaps
- Self-administration vs. assistance-with-self-administration properly documented per resident
- Physician orders on file and matching what's actually logged
- Medications stored, labeled, and secured per Rule 59A-36.011 requirements
- Staff performing medication assistance have documented training and competency checks

3 Staff Training & Level 2 Background Screening Records

- Level 2 background screening completed and cleared for every applicable staff member before start date
- Screening renewals tracked and completed on schedule — no lapsed clearances
- Core training (Core Assisted Living, ALF Nursing Assistant, or role-specific) documented in each staff file
- In-service training hours logged and current for the licensure year
- Administrator's own certification and continuing education records up to date

4 Physical Plant & Room Standards (Rule 59A-36.014)

- Resident room square footage and occupancy limits meet Rule 59A-36.014 standards
- Life safety features — exits, lighting, handrails, smoke detectors — inspected and functional
- Common areas, bathrooms, and resident rooms clean, in good repair, and hazard-free
- Required postings (licenses, resident rights, emergency numbers) current and visible
- Maintenance and repair logs available to show ongoing upkeep, not just a pre-survey scramble

5 Emergency Environmental Plans & Elopement Drills

- Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) current, facility-specific, and on file — not a generic template
- Elopement prevention and response procedures documented, with drills conducted and logged
- Fire drills conducted at required frequency across all shifts, with dated records
- Staff can demonstrate familiarity with emergency procedures during interviews, not just on paper
- Emergency contact lists, transportation agreements, and supply inventories current

Need complete, audit-ready policies to fix these gaps?

Get the full 2026 Florida ALF Compliance Handbook Package at **alfcompliancekits.com** — Policy & Procedure Manual, Resident Handbook, Employee Handbook, and Forms Pack, mapped to FAC 59A-36. Packages start at $297, instant download.

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