



# Communicator

## ASSISTED LIVING ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA

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#### Incident Reports/Fax Line Form CHANGE!!

Best laid plans of mice and men...ADPH has notified the Association that the new Incident Report/Fax Line forms lack a line for an explanation a description of the event that caused the Incident Report to be filed.

It is vital when filing an Incident Report that you describe the incident in brief, but accurate terms.

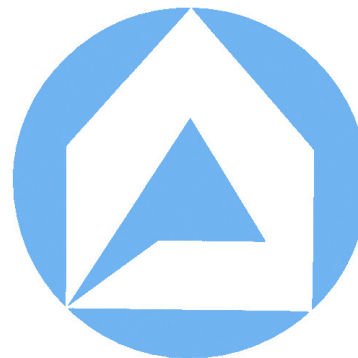
The form has been revised to include a line for a brief description of the event.

Please use this new form when sending in a report for an inci-

dent that must be reported within 24 hours.

Please take time to train administrative staff in proper reporting procedures.

Additional copies may be downloaded from the [alaaweb.org](http://alaaweb.org) website.



#### Sprinkler Head Recall

*Dry Sprinkler Head Recall Announced:*

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Globe Fire Sprinkler Corporation have announced a nationwide recall of Globe Model J Series dry fire sprinkler heads manufactured between 1990 and 1999. Dry sprinklers are typically used in areas subject to freezing, such as in unheated attics, freezers and coolers, porches and parking garages.

A reimbursement program has been established by the manufacturer, with recommendations to replace the Model J dry heads immediately. Full details about the recall program can be found at [www.globesprinkler.com](http://www.globesprinkler.com) or by calling 1-800-248-0278.

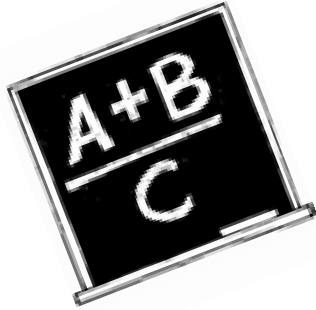
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#### Call for Submissions!

The Education Committee is looking for a few good ideas! We will present a BEST PRACTICES break-out at the Fall Conference on ACTIVITIES IN ALF AND SCALF. If you have a great program or know of successful activities send your description to the Association office before August 1, 2007. There will be a PRIZE!

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## ALAA Fall Conference in Birmingham

Wynfrey Hotel-September 18, 19, and 20

The theme for this year's Fall Conference is "Back to Basics".

The focus of this year's conference is leadership and staff competency in compliance, operations, and resident quality of life.

We will explore the basics and expand our Leadership Training for team leaders and department heads.

You will learn mentoring and training skills to help implement staff training in your own facility.

But don't be fooled, the schedule is full of vital information for all levels of staff and management.

Tuesday the first day of the conference will include THREE tracks in breakouts:

1. **Compliance:** will include topics like how to build a quality assurance team, how to do a mock survey, and how to negotiate a better score.
2. **Operations:** will educate in topics from the economics of running an efficient ALF to Nursing in ALF and SCALF.
3. **Quality of Life:** will include topics relevant to

balancing rules compliance with Resident Rights and quality.

The Keynote Speaker is Gordon Korb, NHA, ALA. Gordon was ALAA Board Chair (2000-2002).

He has been engaged in capital development for Westminster Village Foundation in Spanish Fort, Alabama since retiring from active assisted living management in 2005.

We are excited about the line-up of quality presentations, excellent sponsors, and interesting exhibitors.

As always our registrants enjoy the Wynfrey venue and all that fun available under one roof!

Don't miss this opportunity to review the ADPH rules and regulations for ALF and SCALF.

### Confirmed Speakers and Panelists

- \* Charles Harbaugh—MAX-E<sup>2</sup>
- \* Julie Benson, NHA—Oak Grove Inn
- \* Joyce Quinnelly, RN—Robinson-Adams Insurance
- \* Stephen Marino & Wayne Curly—AlaComp
- \* Virginia Bell-Moore—State Ombudsman
- \* Rita Van Dyke, ALA—Green Oaks Inn
- \* Marc Givhan, ESQ—Johnston Barton
- \* Eddie Cummings, RN, ALA—Sommerby at University Park
- \* Pam Polk, RD—US Foodservice
- \* Bernie Cavis—Brookdale Senior Living
- \* Ali DeCamillis—VSA Arts of Alabama
- \* Lynda Staggs, RPh—Medical Therapy Management
- \* A.J. Cipperly, MEd—East Alabama Medical Center
- \* Kathy Tankersley, ALA—Sage Management

## 2007 Fall Conference - Wynfrey Hotel - Birmingham, Alabama September 18-20

### TUESDAY 9/18/07

- \* Breakfast with Exhibitors! Prizes!
- \* Keynote Address
- \* Rules and Regulations 1.01 - A section-by-section study of the ADPH regulations for ALF/SCAF
- \* Dementia Workshop with Bernie Cavis
- \* LUNCHEON Exhibitors!
- \* Art as Therapy
- \* A New Way to Manage Medicare Part D for your Residents

### WEDNESDAY 9/19/07

#### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

#### **OPERATIONS**

- \* Human Resources, employment rules and regulations, firing, hiring, and managing payroll and payroll taxes
- \* Managing Workers' Comp claims and lowering cost
- \* Nursing in ALF and SCALF
- \* SCALF Economics vs ALF Economics

#### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

- \* Resident Activities
- \* Balancing Resident Rights and Regulation
- \* Special Dementia Resident Rights
- \* Menus and Menu Extensions for Disease and Weight Management/ Disaster menus

#### **COMPLIANCE**

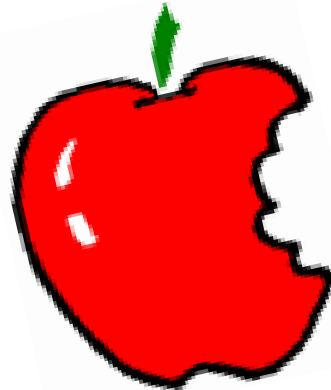
- \* Building a Quality Assurance Team and Mock Surveys
- \* Nursing in SCALF
- \* Dispute Resolution/Negotiate a better score
- \* Resident retention, fall prevention, and weight management

A "Teacher's Pet" will attend *every breakout session*, so if you are torn between which to attend, have no fear, at the closing session on Tuesday the Teacher's Pets will give the synopsis on each breakout topic.

- \* Daphne Simpkins discussion on Alzheimer's and other issues of aging

### THURSDAY 9/20/07

- \* ALAA Business Meeting and Election of New Board Members
- \* ADPH Report-Mia Sadler and Rick Harris-Incident Reports, Survey Results, Scoring, and Regulatory Interpretation
- \* Adjournment



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**NEW BOE BOARD MEMBERS NAMED**

**BY GOVERNOR RILEY:**

Rita Van Dyke, ALA

Jimmy Law, ALA

Merlinda Nettles, LPN, ALA

Tommy Mc Kinnon, Consumer

George Smith, Consumer

Rita and Jimmy are active owners of assisted living and specialty care assisted living facilities. Rita has served in several capacities on the ALAA Board and is currently Chair of the ALAA Legislative and Regulatory Committee.

Merlinda is a licensed administrator of a SCALF in Mobile.

Tom McKinnon is Director of the senior program at Montgomery Baptist Hospital system. George is retired from the assisted living and nursing home business.

Mamie Mahone continues to serve as BOE Chair and Kathy Tankersley continues to serve as a Board Member.

**Senior Emergency Network**

**As of this date, all but two seminars have been completed and more than 100 SouthernLinc radio-telephones have been delivered.**

**If your facility has not been trained in the protocol or has not received a radio-telephone, contact the Association office to ensure that your facility is included in the Alabama EMA, ADPH, ALAA Emergency Notification network**