



Dear Members,

Fire and life safety in assisted living residences is a major focus for providers, regulators, consumers, and local communities following the Gabriel House fire in Fall River. As the voice of assisted living, Mass-ALA met with state and local fire safety officials to both understand key issues and share the perspective of providers. In the course of these discussions, we have learned of important fire sprinkler recalls that we want you to be aware of.

The Fall River Fire Chief identified recalled sprinkler heads at buildings with congregate living. This information was shared with the State Fire Marshal, who subsequently sent a message to Fire Chiefs informing them of the letter and the recall. The Fire Marshal's letter to Chiefs is available [here](#), and the Fall River Fire Chief's letter is available [here](#).

Recalls have been issued by multiple manufacturers over the years, with the Fall River Fire Chief specifically identifying a Central Sprinkler Company recall in 2001. Details of the recall, which involved sprinklers with O-ring seals, are available at this U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission [link](#).

Assisted living providers should be aware that routine sprinkler inspections by vendors/contractors and fire officials may or may not include a close inspection to identify recalled sprinkler heads. Assisted living providers that have concerns regarding the potential of recalled sprinklers can request inspections of their fire sprinkler systems to specifically review if they have any recalled or defective sprinklers. Assisted living providers may find sharing the attached letters with sprinkler contractors useful.

Additional fire and life safety updates we sent previously that may be helpful resources for you include the July 2025 update [Supporting Safety Through Strong Disaster Preparedness Plans](#), the October 2025 update [Governor Healey Announces Next Steps to Enhance Resident Safety in Assisted Living Residences](#) and the January update on the [Assisted Living Commission Report](#). We will also have a panel Advancing Life Safety and Emergency Preparedness in Assisted Living at our [Regulations Symposium](#) in June.

If you have any questions, please contact us at Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org.

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