

Department of Human Services
Bureau of Human Service Licensing
LICENSING INSPECTION SUMMARY PUBLIC

March 18, 2025

[REDACTED]
LUTHERAN SENIOR SERVICES EAST
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

RE: THE BUEHRLE CENTER
ONE SOUTH HOME AVENUE
TOPTON, PA, 19562
LICENSE/COC#: 21496

[REDACTED],
As a result of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Bureau of Human Service Licensing review on 01/22/2025 of the above facility, we have determined that your submitted plan of correction is fully implemented. Continued compliance must be maintained.

Please note that you are required to post this Licensing Inspection Summary at your facility in a conspicuous location.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

cc: Pennsylvania Bureau of Human Service Licensing

Facility Information		
Name: THE BUEHRLE CENTER	License #: 21496	License Expiration: 07/24/2025
Address: ONE SOUTH HOME AVENUE, TOPTON, PA 19562		
County: BERKS	Region: NORTHEAST	

Administrator		
Name: [REDACTED]	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]

Legal Entity		
Name: LUTHERAN SENIOR SERVICES EAST		
Address: [REDACTED]		
Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]	

Certificate(s) of Occupancy		
Type: C-1	Date: 01/16/2016	Issued By: PA Dept. of L&I

Staffing Hours		
Resident Support Staff: 1	Total Daily Staff: 92	Waking Staff: 69

Inspection Information		
Type: Partial	Notice: Unannounced	BHA Docket #:
Reason: Incident	Exit Conference Date: 01/22/2025	

Inspection Dates and Department Representative	
01/22/2025 - On-Site: [REDACTED]	

Resident Demographic Data as of Inspection Dates			
General Information			
License Capacity: 92		Residents Served: 64	
Secured Dementia Care Unit			
In Home: Yes	Area: Memory Care	Capacity: 28	Residents Served: 25
Hospice			
Current Residents: 7			
Number of Residents Who:			
Receive Supplemental Security Income: 0		Are 60 Years of Age or Older: 64	
Diagnosed with Mental Illness: 0		Diagnosed with Intellectual Disability: 0	
Have Mobility Need: 27		Have Physical Disability: 1	

Inspections / Reviews		
01/22/2025 Partial		
Lead Inspector: [REDACTED]	Follow-Up Type: POC Submission	Follow-Up Date: 02/15/2025
03/06/2025 - POC Submission		
Submitted By: [REDACTED]	Date Submitted: 03/10/2025	
Reviewer: [REDACTED]	Follow-Up Type: POC Submission	Follow-Up Date: 03/03/2025

Inspections / Reviews (*continued*)

03/10/2025 POC Submission

Submitted By: [REDACTED] Date Submitted: 03/10/2025
Reviewer: [REDACTED] Follow Up Type: *Bypass Document
Submission*

03/18/2025 Bypass Document Submission

Submitted By: [REDACTED] Date Submitted: 03/10/2025
Reviewer: [REDACTED] Follow Up Type: *Not Required*

42b - Abuse

1. Requirements

2600.

42.b. A resident may not be neglected, intimidated, physically or verbally abused, mistreated, subjected to corporal punishment or disciplined in any way.

Description of Violation

Resident [redacted] resided in the home's Secured Care Dementia Unit (SDCU). On [redacted] at approximately 10:27 pm, Resident [redacted] left their room triggering their wander guard and their apartment door monitoring alarm to sound. Staff person "A" was seated in a hallway and did not stop Resident [redacted] when [redacted] walked by. Resident [redacted] proceeded to exit the SDCU, then walked out the main entrance of the building which also triggered alarms. Staff were alerted but were unable to locate Resident [redacted] on the property. Resident [redacted] was eventually found by police near a public swimming pool in town and returned to the home approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes later.

Repeat Violation [redacted] and [redacted]

Plan of Correction

Accept [redacted] - 03/10/2025)

1. Resident number [redacted] is deceased on [redacted]
2. Direct Care Staff Re-educated immediately on 12.31.2024 by CSM on elopement protocols.
3. Target completion date 03.06.2025
3. Roam Alerts checked weekly for all residents to ensure placement and function. by [redacted] Central Supply Coordinator. Results of checks will be reported to meetings of the QAPI committee.
4. Mag Locks to entry way doors to SDCU upgraded from 600 pounds to 4000-pound magnets on 02/03/2025.
5. Entry way security code changed.

Licensee's Proposed Overall Completion Date: 03/06/2025

Implemented [redacted] - 03/18/2025)