



CT WAP Weatherization Guidance No. 20

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Installation of Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

The purpose of this guidance is to update federal DOE policy regarding proper expenditures of Health and Safety funds to install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in dwelling units. This guidance pertains to all CT WAP weatherization programs.

For additional information reference DOE WPN 22-7, ASHRAE 62.2-2016 and the DOE Standard Work Specifications Section 2.01

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

It is an allowable use of health and safety funds to install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in client homes when these devices are either not present or inoperable. However, it is not allowable for working smoke and CO detectors to be replaced with models issued by the weatherization agency. Inoperable units do not include those that are simply not functioning correctly due to expired batteries left in the unit.

Replacement of operable smoke and CO detectors will result in disallowed cost. If a unit is operable, pending replacement batteries, clients should be educated on proper maintenance of smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors, including replacing the batteries when they are no longer functional.