



**CT WAP Weatherization Guidance No. 20**

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### **Installation of Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

The purpose of this guidance is to reiterate 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.

#### **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.