

IBA Home Energy Conservation Program Smoke Detector Procedures

Per the direction of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), any home receiving services under the Indiana Home Energy Conservation Program must have at least one working smoke detector on each floor.

Once it is determined that a home is not an immediate deferral due to health and safety issues, auditors need to:

- Determine if a smoke detector already exists on each floor.
- Install new smoke detectors on floors where one does not currently exist.
- Inspect existing smoke detectors to make sure they are working.
- Replace batteries in existing smoke detectors when necessary.
- Install new smoke detectors if existing ones are not working.

Installation of new or replacement smoke detectors:

- Determine appropriate location. Consider stairways, bedrooms, and kitchens.
- Install per the manufacturer's installation instructions on the smoke detector.
- In homes where a hard wired smoke detector is not working, a battery operated smoke detector should be installed next to the hard wired unit.

Auditors may submit receipts for batteries and smoke detectors for reimbursement.