



STATE OF IOWA

**DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS,
APPEALS, AND LICENSING**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Whom it May Concern

FROM: Jennifer Ware, Bureau Supervisor

DATE: December 13, 2023

SUBJ: Sensitivity Testing

The Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing is adopting the following policy reference smoke detector sensitivity testing:

Addressable Fire Alarm Systems (NFPA Compliant) that provide sensitivity testing on a continuous basis shall have sensitivity testing results (printed report) made available on-site every two years for review by Department inspectors.

Non-addressable Fire Alarm Systems (NFPA Compliant) shall be provided with sensitivity testing every two years.

Documentation shall be required for both systems showing the manufacturer's recommended range for sensitivity, each smoke detector listed (including location), sensitivity results, and a pass or fail record for each detector.