

**Ala. Code 1975, § 13A-9-111(3)**

**Home Repair Fraud**  
**(Misrepresentation)**

The defendant is charged with home repair fraud.

A person commits the crime of home repair fraud when he/she intentionally and knowingly misrepresents himself/herself/another person as being an employee or agent of any unit of federal, state, or municipal government or any other governmental unit, or an employee or agent of any public utility, with the intent to cause a person to enter into a contract or agreement for home repair.

To convict, the State must prove beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following elements:

- (1) The defendant was a person;
- (2) The Defendant misrepresented himself/herself/another person as being an employee or agent of:
  - (a) Any unit of federal, state, or municipal government or any other governmental unit; **(OR)**
  - (b) An employee or agent of any public utility;

with the intent to cause a person to enter into a contract or agreement for home repair; **(AND)**

- (3) The Defendant did so intentionally and knowingly.

*Person* is any individual, partnership, corporation, business, trust, or other legal entity. [13A-9-110(2)]

*Home Repair* is the repairing, replacing, altering, or the construction or renovation of an addition to a building on real property which is or will be primarily used as a residence. Home repair shall include: **[Read all applicable]**

The construction, installation, replacement, repairing, or renovation of driveways, swimming pools, porches, kitchens, chimneys, chimney liners, garages, fences, fallout shelters, central air conditioning, central heating, boilers, furnaces, hot water heaters, electrical wiring, sewers, plumbing fixtures, storm doors, storm windows, awnings, roofs, insulation, and other improvements to structures within the residence or upon the real property adjacent thereto.

Home repair shall not include: **[Read all applicable]**

The sale, installation, cleaning, or repair of carpets; the sale of goods or materials by a merchant who does not directly or through a subsidiary perform any work or labor in connection with the installation or application of the goods or materials; the repair, installation, replacement, or connection of any home appliance including, but not limited to, disposals, refrigerators, ranges, garage door openers, television cables, antennas or dishes, washing machines, telephones, or other home appliances when the person replacing, installing, repairing, or connecting such home appliance is an employee or agent of the merchant that sold the home appliance; the performance of repairs to a manufactured home or a mobile home pursuant to a manufacturer's or retailer's warranty or service agreement; or landscaping.

Home repair shall not include home repair made by not-for-profit charitable organizations. [13A-9-110(1)]

*Residence* is a single or multiple family dwelling including, but not limited to, a single-family home, apartment building, condominium, duplex, townhouse, or mobile home which is used or intended to be used by its occupants as their dwelling place. [13A-9-110(3)]

A person acts *intentionally* with respect to a result or to conduct described by a statute defining an offense, when his/her purpose is to cause that result or to engage in that conduct. [13A-2-2(1)]

A person acts *knowingly* with respect to conduct or to a circumstance when he/she is aware that his/her conduct is of that nature or that the circumstance exists. [13A-2-2(2)]

Intent and knowledge of a person shall be determined by an evaluation of all circumstances surrounding the home repair and the determination shall not be limited to the time of the origination of the contract or agreement. [13A-9-112]

If you find from the evidence that the State has proved beyond a reasonable doubt each of the elements of home repair fraud, then you shall find the defendant guilty of home repair fraud.

If you find that the State has failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt any one or more of the elements of home repair fraud, then you cannot find the defendant guilty of home repair fraud.

**[If lesser-included offenses are included, the Court should instruct on those offenses at this point.]**

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