

CUT FALSE ALARM COSTS

Effective management of fire detection and alarm systems can eradicate false alarms in all types of premises.

False alarms can cost your business money through:

- Lost production
- Disruption due to staff evacuation
- Unnecessary release of retained firefighters
- Possible future charging for attendance by Fire & Rescue Services
- Increased insurance premiums

It is estimated that false alarms cost the UK in excess of £1 billion a year. They must be stamped out! Even one is one too many.

Under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety Order) 2005, all people in charge of premises have a duty to maintain effective fire safety arrangements, including fire alarm systems.



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Why are False Alarms a Problem?

They cost you money and disrupt your business, risk lives and are a drain on valuable resources. They also put others at risk who may be experiencing a real emergency.

Cost to You

- Down time from evacuations
- Disruption to production
- Annoyed customers
- Possible Fire Service charge for attending

Cost to Your Reputation

- Image of complacency about life safety
- Loss of confidence from staff and the fire service
- Risk of prosecution/charge

Don't cut out false alarms for us; do it for yourself and for your business; it will save you MONEY!

Will the Fire & Rescue Service Come?

Many Fire & Rescue Services won't necessarily attend a fire alarm at your premises.

Don't just assume they will come when your alarm goes off.

Every service has its own policy on this; we recommend confirming with them what their attendance policy is. And, if you're in England or Wales, they might charge you for attending a false alarm - another thing to check!



How You Can Help Reduce False Alarms

You can help reduce false alarms by looking at these three areas:

- **Review Your Alarm Management Strategy**

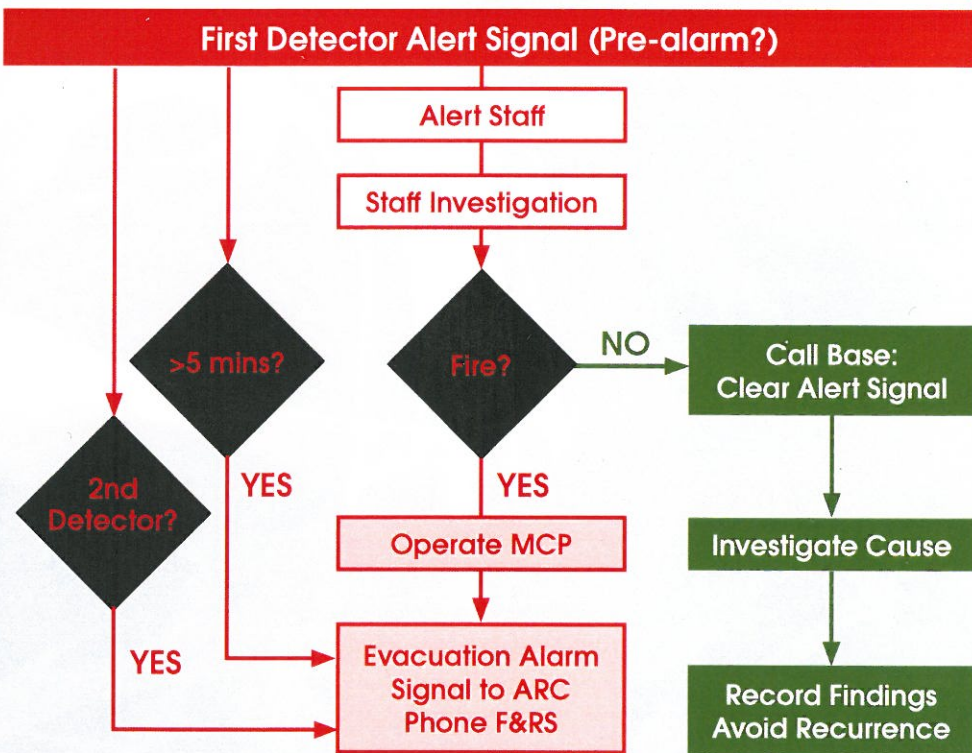
Do you have delayed alarm so you can investigate the cause before calling the brigade? Do you have phased or general evacuation?

- **Ensure Regular Maintenance of Your Fire Alarm System**

- **Adapting Your Alarm System to Suit Your Needs**

Your fire alarm maintenance company can help adapt the detectors and control panel within your system to suit your situation best

- **Investigate all false alarms and look at what you can do to stop them happening again**



The Benefits of Fire Alarms

We don't want you to turn your alarm system off; we want to help you manage your alarm system so it doesn't go off unnecessarily.

So, let's remind ourselves what's so good about fire alarms?

They Save Lives - Fire alarm systems provide early warning of a fire in the building, regardless of whether there's just one person working on their own at night or lots of people in a large area.

They Protect your Business - Did you know that 80% of businesses that have a major fire go out of business within three months? A fire alarm system that works properly will reduce the chances of this happening to you.

They Protect your Property - Fire alarms don't just save your business, they save the building you're based in and reduce the risk of you having to make a large insurance claim.

For more information:

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