



BUILDING CONTRACTORS'

checklist to avoid false alarms



Don't get caught out!

Some organisations are charging contractors who cause false alarms which result in disruption to their business or customer service.

- | | YES | NO |
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| • Does the work produce dust or fumes in or near an alarm protected area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Will activities involve penetrating or demolishing a wall or ceiling? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Will welding, gas cutting, use of heat guns, sanding or grinding be carried out? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Has the alarm company been notified? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Does the zone/system need to go offline during the work? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Have all your staff been informed on how to prevent false alarms? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Have systems been put in place to keep dust and heat to a minimum? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Any of the above could cause a false alarm.

To help prevent false alarms:

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| • Check on ceilings for the location of smoke detectors, heat detectors or sprinkler heads. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Locate any fire alarm cables and avoid damaging them. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you tick any of the grey boxes, a suitable control measure will need to be put in place.