



Avon Fire & Rescue Service was called out to

5,583 false alarms  last year

at businesses



LIKE YOURS

The total cost of false alarms



to UK BUSINESSES is



over



£1 BILLION



a year



Every time firefighters

go to a false alarm

it means they are NOT AVAILABLE



to help people who might really need them

AT AN EMERGENCY





What is the cost
of false alarms



TO



YOUR

business?

You may be losing money due to:



Downtime for
evacuations



Disruption to
productivity



Disruption to
customers

Cost to your reputation:

- Projects image of complacency about safety.
- Loss of confidence in fire safety controls and fire service.

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These call outs are caused by alarms activating accidentally

YOU can play your part in **REDUCING THEM** ↓

- Ensure you have an effective investigation procedure.
- Review your alarm management strategy. Do you have a delayed alarm so that you can investigate the cause before calling the fire service?
- Ensure regular maintenance of your fire alarm.
- Adapting your alarm system to suite your needs. Your fire alarm maintenance company can help adapt the detectors and control panel within your system to suit your situation.
- Investigate all false alarms and look at what you can do to stop them happening again.

By having a strategy to investigate the cause of the activation the moment it happens, your staff can quickly identify false alarms, reset the system and return to work.

If you discover a fire as part of your investigation, leave the premises quickly and safely, dial 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service.

If you would like to read more about how to reduce false fire alarms and the legislation please go to our website

www.avonfire.gov.uk/business-safety

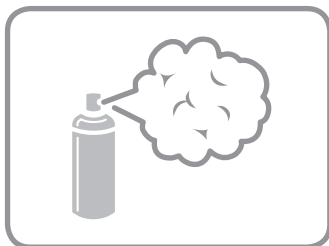
The most common causes of false alarms are:

Testing



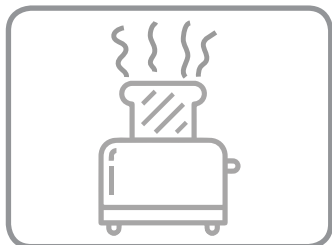
Fire alarm being tested without notifying the call centre.

Fumes



Steam, aerosols and other fumes activating the detectors.

Cooking



Cooking fumes, such as burnt toast.

Humidity



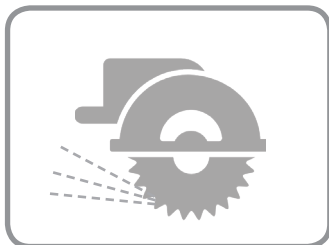
Humidity and temperature changes.

Smoking



Smoking near detectors.

Contractors



Contractors working below live or uncovered detectors.