

✓ Building contractor's check list to avoid false alarms

As a contractor carrying out building work in a premises protected by an automatic fire alarm your actions can cause a false alarm.

Contractors who cause false alarms include:

Builders, cleaners, electricians, painters, floor sanders, concrete cutters, plumbers, air-conditioning engineers, water blasters, data technicians and lift engineers.

For further information refer to our website or contact your local community fire station

False alarms affect your profit and productivity - during building/maintenance work:

- | | 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 etc. to a minimum? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Any of the above could cause a false alarm - to help prevent false alarms:

- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| • 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 into place.

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