



Building contractor's checklist to avoid false alarms



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

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

Please complete the checklist before commencing work on site.

	Yes	No
During building/maintenance work:		
• Will 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 your staff been instructed 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"/>
To prevent false alarms caused by any of the above, have you:	Yes	No
• Checked ceilings for the location of smoke detectors, heat detectors or sprinkler heads?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Located fire alarm cables to 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.