



Fire Alarm Systems

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Fire Protection and Life Safety Regulation Bylaw 2011 No. 7108

28. Fire Alarm Systems

"CONTACT PERSON" means a person designated by the occupier or owner of a Building or Structure at which a Fire Alarm System is installed who is able to attend at the Building or Structure when the Fire Alarm System has been activated.

"FALSE ALARM" means the activation of a fire alarm system resulting in the direct or indirect notification of the Fire Rescue Department to attend the address of the Fire Alarm System, where there is in fact no Incident at that address.

"FIRE ALARM SYSTEM" means all equipment, including without limitation, batteries, alarm gongs, horns, buzzers, switches, wiring, relay equipment, sensors, and other accessories designed to issue a warning of a fire by activating an audible alarm signal or alerting a monitoring service but does not include a fire alarm or smoke detector that is intended to alert only the occupants of a single dwelling unit.

Contact Persons for Fire Alarm Systems

- (1) An owner or occupier of a Building or Structure at which a Fire Alarm System is installed shall, on the same day on which the Fire Alarm System becomes operational, submit to the Fire Rescue Department a list of emergency Contact Persons in the form shown on Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
- (2) The owner or occupier of a Building or Structure at which a Fire Alarm System is installed shall inform the Fire Rescue Department of any changes to the information about the Monitoring Service or Contact Persons by notice in writing immediately when changes to this information arise.
- (3) The owner or occupier of a Building or Structure at which a Fire Alarm System has been installed shall ensure that the Contact Persons whose names are provided pursuant to section 28(2) are persons who are:
 - (a) available to receive telephone calls from the Fire Rescue Department or Monitoring Service in the event that the alarm system at the owner's or occupier's Building or Structure is activated;
 - (b) able to attend at the address of the owner's or occupier's property within thirty minutes of being requested to do so by the Fire Rescue Department or Monitoring Service;
 - (c) capable of gaining access to the owner's or occupier's Building or Structure where the Fire Alarm System has been activated; and,
 - (d) capable of operating the Fire Alarm System and able to secure the owner's or occupier's Building or Structure where the Fire Alarm System has been activated.

- (4) An owner or occupier of any Building or Structure at which a Fire Alarm System has been installed shall notify the Fire Rescue Department immediately of any False Alarm incident.
- (5) When a Fire Alarm System has been activated and the owner or occupier of the Premises at which the Fire Alarm System has been activated or that person's Contact Person cannot be reached or is unable to attend the Premises, the Fire Rescue Department will forcibly enter the Building at which the Fire Alarm System is activated to suppress a fire, or determine the cause of the alarm. The Fire Rescue Department will secure the Building or provide 24-hour security until the Building can be secured. The owner or occupier will be charged the fee for the cost of security or securing the Premises as prescribed in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
- (6) No owner or occupier of a Building or Structure at which a Fire Alarm System has been installed shall service, test, repair, adjust, alter or install any parts or items to the Fire Alarm System that might activate a False Alarm without first notifying the Fire Rescue Department.
- (7) No owner or occupier of a Building or Structure where a False Alarm has been activated or that person's Contact Person shall leave the Premises unless the problem that gave rise to the False Alarm is identified and corrected or security by a security company is posted until such time as the problem giving rise to the False Alarm is identified and corrected.

Bylaw Fines

28(1)	Failure to supply contact person information	\$200.00
28(2)	Failure to notify of changes to information	\$200.00
28(3)	Failure to ensure Contact Person is able	\$200.00
28(4)	Failure to notify of false alarm	\$200.00
28(6)	Failure to notify prior to servicing	\$200.00
28(7)	Failure to remedy false alarms	\$250.00

Bylaw Fees

28(5)	False Alarm Entry Where No Contact Person	\$300.00
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