



Fire Alarms

Under the new Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, which became law on the 1st October 2006, it is now mandatory to undertake a written Fire Risk Assessment, and to maintain this as a 'living' document. i.e. it should be re-assessed at least annually, and updated in the event of any significant changes made to the premises which should be incorporated into the document.

The new Fire Safety Order encompasses and takes the place of all previous fire safety legislation and all aspects of Fire Safety are now together under this order and now non compliance is dealt with under the authority of criminal law.

This piece of legislation requires the 'Responsible Person', to consider all aspects of Fire Safety within their premises and included in this requirement is the provision of a Fire Alarm System.

What Standards should be observed with Fire Alarms?

Automatic Fire Detection and Alarm Systems are governed by a Code of Practice for Design, installation and maintenance known as BS5839 2002. This Code of Practice comprehensively governs such systems and if followed is accepted as current good practice.

Do I need a Fire Alarm?

The decision as to the requirement of such a system is arrived at via the 'risk assessment' process and Legislative Requirements.

Fire Alarm checklist

- Are sound levels adequate and providing a similar distinct sound?
- Have you identified and provided appropriate fire detection e.g. heat detection in kitchens, smoke detection in corridors, etc?
- Is the fire alarm system serviced annually / 6 monthly by a competent person?
- Have you nominated a responsible person within your organisation to conduct weekly testing and record the results in a Fire Log Book?

When should they be maintained?

In accordance with The Regulatory Reform Act (Fire Safety) 2005, it is now necessary to have Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting systems inspected by qualified engineers every 6 months. This is recommended in the British Standard Code of Practice (BS 5839 and BS 5306).

What we offer

- Design and installation of new systems.
- Annually and 6 monthly maintainance.
- Survey and maintainance of existing systems.
- Call out for system faults.

Please contact us if you would like us to undertake the maintainance of an existing system or you require a survey for a new system. We can also provide call outs for system faults.