



FALSE ALARMS...

- Take officers away from real emergencies. This serious situation endangers responding authorities and the whole community and wastes public resources.
- Desensitize communities to actual incidents of crime.
- Can lead to neighbors ignoring your alarm when it activates, making your security system less reliable and credible.
- May make you reluctant to arm your system, exposing your home and property to undetected theft or fire.
- Cost citizens time, personal security and money, as many jurisdictions impose costly fines or fees for excessive false alarms.



COMMON CAUSES OF FALSE ALARMS...

- Inadequate training of all those allowed access to your alarm site.
- Domestic help, house cleaners, house sitters, contractors, extended family members and pet sitters.
- Weak or depleted system batteries.
- Open, unlocked, loose fitting or defective doors/windows.
- Drafts from heaters/air conditioning systems and open windows move plants, curtains, balloons, etc.
- Wandering pets!



INSTALLING & ACTIVATING AN ALARM SYSTEM

- ✓ Check with your local jurisdiction for registration requirements.
- ✓ Completely understand how the alarm system works, what it does and does not do.
- ✓ Accept the responsibility to keep your alarm system in proper operating condition.
- ✓ Ensure that all users of your system are provided thorough instruction on using and testing the system and cancelling unnecessary false alarm dispatch requests.
- ✓ Ask your alarm company for written instructions and a physical demonstration of the use of your alarm system.

