

## FIRE ALARM MAINTENANCE

A fire alarm is a series of devices within a building that is designed to provide detection and an early warning to those within the building. This can be a local audible/visual alert or it can notify the fire services if the building is monitored.

Fire alarm maintenance is the process of inspecting, testing and servicing fire alarm devices to ensure they are functioning correctly. This maintenance is crucial for ensuring the safety of occupants in buildings and complying with local fire safe regulations.

### What is included in our Fire Alarm Maintenance?

During Fire Alarm Maintenance, the following checks will be completed:

- A visual inspection of all components of the system, including control panels, smoke detectors, heat detectors, manual call points, alarms and notification devices.
- Functional testing of each component to ensure full operation. This will involve activating smoke detectors with simulated smoke, testing heat detectors and activating manual call points to ensure proper alert transition.
- Cleaning of all detectors, removing debris, dirt and dust if required.
- Checking the condition of the back up batteries and replacing them if they are nearing the end of their lifespan.
- A detailed record will be kept including all maintenance activities, test results and any repairs or replacements performed.

### How often should you carry out Fire Alarm Maintenance?

The frequency of fire alarm maintenance varies depending on factors such as the type of building, complexity of the fire alarm system and local regulations.

As a general guide, fire alarm systems should be inspected and tested annually. In high risk environments or buildings with sensitive equipment, it is recommended to test more frequently.

Additionally, certain components of the system eg batteries may need to be replaced more frequently to ensure reliability.



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