



False Alarm Prevention

Information for Alarm Users

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RESPONSIBILITY TO



FALSE ALARMS

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Thunderstorm + Lightning + Power Outage = False Alarm?



The answer is NO!

Thunderstorms, lightning and power outages do not equal false alarms.

Consider the following:

- Power surges and lightning strikes **should not** cause false alarms!
- False alarms caused by lightning strikes **are controllable** through the proper grounding of alarm systems and the use of power **AND** phone line surge suppressors.
- Use of surge suppressors greatly reduces false alarms by redirecting and dissipating electrical current to the ground.
- Power outages or interruption of power **should not** cause false alarms!

In order to avoid costly false alarms that may occur during inclement weather, contact your alarm dealer and follow these simple steps:

- Repair loose fitting doors and windows.
- Ensure that all alarm contacts are firmly in place.
- Use wide-gap door and window contacts.
- Use surge protectors/suppressors on both the alarm system and the phone line sending the alarm signal to the monitoring center.
- Ensure that the battery back-up protection is in good working order, is fully charged and will hold that charge for a minimum of four hours.
- Ensure that your alarm system is properly grounded.

REMEMBER . . . Properly designed, installed and maintained alarm systems will not generate false alarm activity (AND FINES) due to power surges or power interruptions!