# FALSE ALARMS COST BUSINESSES CASH

Millions of pounds are lost each year through:-

- Disruption to the working day
- Loss of production
- Cancelled meetings
- Increased insurance premiums
- Damage to your business' reputation
- Customer annoyance



## THE CAUSES

To prevent unwanted false alarms, you should know the common causes. We can advise how you can make changes to avoid the problem:

### COOKING FUMES

- such as burnt toast



**INCENSE AND CANDLES** 



#### STEAM

- from showers, dishwashers or industrial processes



DUST BUILD-UP



SMOKING MATERIALS



HUMIDITY AND TEMPERATURE CHANGES



AEROSOL SPRAYS



ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE to a manual 'break glass' call point

HOT WORK
- for example,
cutting and welding



TESTING OR
MAINTENANCE - using incorrect testing procedure

### YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

You are required under Government legislation -The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 to maintain your fire alarm to ensure it works properly.

Please also make sure you let your alarm company know about any planned fire alarm test and don't forget if you identify a fire alarm is false you can always call 999 and cancel our attendance. Working together we can ensure our emergency services are right where they need to be.

# NEED FURTHER HELP?

Call our Business Fire Safety Team on 01443 232713 or visit our website for more details.

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