

Church fire guidance

Installation of fire alarms



These notes are intended to provide guidance to churches that wish to install or update a fire alarm. Doing so may result in a premium discount.

These notes provide a basis upon which to obtain comparative quotations. In all cases you should refer to this office to approve any specification prior to installation work being carried out.

General

The building should be protected by an automatic fire alarm system installed to BS 5839 Part 1. The control panel must have keypad operation and be analogue addressable.

The system must be designed, installed, commissioned and maintained by an LPS 1014 Certificated Fire Detection and Alarm System firm, or an installer accredited under the British Approvals for Fire Equipment (BAFE) adopted SP 203 scheme.

There must be an annual maintenance contract. The specification must include confirmation by the alarm company that sub-contractors will not be used or specify the extent to which sub-contractors will be used.

Signalling

In order to obtain the higher levels of discount, remote signalling must be incorporated to a permanently manned monitoring station conforming to BS 5979.

Detection

In addition to break glass points, protection must be provided by means of automatic heat/smoke detectors of either the point or beam variety. All equipment must be LPC approved.

Alarm discounts

In order to qualify for a discount, in addition to the system being installed as set out above, the Fire and Rescue Service must be able to attend the church within 20 minutes.

The amount of the discount will depend on the extent of the system and the method of signalling. The following are in descending order from the highest to the lowest discount.

- Full building protection to P1/L1 with remote signalling.
- Part protection (P2/L2) with remote signalling.

Discounts cannot be given until the specification has been approved by us.

Important notes

It is the responsibility of the party implementing the above specification to ensure that the implementation does not contravene any statutory or Local Authority requirements, e.g. under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, and other relevant legislation.

Prior to contract, copies of design drawings and/or specifications are to be forwarded to Methodist Insurance for approval.

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