



**YOU CAN HELP REDUCE
FALSE ALARMS BY:**

1. Testing your backup batteries on a regular basis and replace them before they get too low.
2. Keeping your alarm equipment, including the window foil, in good repair.
3. Contacting the alarm company as soon as possible if you suspect you may have a mechanical problem with your system.

**BEFORE ACTIVATING AN ALARM
WITH A MOTION DETECTOR
MAKE SURE:**

1. All doors and windows are locked.
2. All pets are outside or your motion detector is specifically designed to allow pets.
3. The heater and air conditioner are turned off.
4. Balloons are not in the room with a motion detector.

**98% OF ALL ALARM
CALLS ARE
FALSE ALARMS**

**TRAIN ANYONE WITH
ACCESS TO YOUR
HOME OR BUSINESS
TO CORRECTLY
OPERATE THE
ALARM SYSTEM**

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**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN ALARM ORDINANCE

Alarm System – Any device, whether known as a burglar alarm, robbery alarm, intrusion alarm, direct dial telephone device, audible or silent alarm, or by any other name which is used for the detection of an unauthorized entry into a building, structure, or facility or to signal the commission of an unlawful act or emergency to which the Sheriff's Department is expected to respond.

False Alarm – The activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation or maintenance, or the negligence of the owner or lessee or of his or her employees or agents, which necessitates response by the Sheriff's Department when an emergency condition does not exist; provided, however, alarms caused by acts of nature such as earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, or other violent, uncontrollable acts of nature shall not be considered false alarms.

Audible Alarm – A device designated to notify persons in the immediate vicinity of the protected premises by emission of an audible sound of an unauthorized entry on the premises or the commission of an unlawful act.

Alarm User's Permit –

Section 4-6203: No person shall install, use, maintain or possess an alarm system on premises owned or controlled by them without first having obtained an Alarm User's Permit. There is no charge for the permit.

Alarm Notice –

Section 4-6206: For every alarm system, the alarm user must post or file with the Sheriff's Department the name and telephone number of persons to be notified in case of emergency or alarm activation or to render service to the system during any hour of the day or night.

Alarm User Responsibilities –

Section 4-6210: The alarm user or his or her designated representative shall, upon notification, proceed immediately to the location of the activated alarm and provide access to the premises to allow the Sheriff's Department to properly secure such premises.

Alarm Shutoff –

Section 4-6207: An audible alarm shall terminate its operation or audible alarm and automatically reset within thirty (30) minutes of being activated.

Standby Power -

Section 4-6209: No alarm system shall be installed or connected which does not have a back-up power supply capable of powering the alarm system on a continuous basis for a minimum of at least four (4) hours.

Siren Prohibited –

Section 4-6214: It shall be unlawful to install an intrusion detection device or alarm system that upon actuation emits the sound of a siren.

Automatic Calling Devices –

Section 4-6213: No person shall use or operate, or cause to be used or operated, any device or combination of devices that upon activation, calls and delivers a recorded message to any telephone number assigned to the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department Communications (Dispatch) Center without the prior written consent of the Sheriff.

False Alarms –

Section 4-6302: It is unlawful for an alarm owner to operate an alarm system that generates six (6) or more false alarms in a twelve (12) month period.

False Alarm Service Charge –

Section 4-6303: (effective August 1, 2013)
False alarms will incur charges based upon the following fee schedule:

Permit holder's first false alarm – No charge
Each false alarm thereafter -- \$30.00

Failure to pay the required service assessment could result in civil collection.

To obtain an alarm permit visit

www.sjsheriff.org/alarmapp.pdf