

CALVERT COUNTY ALARM REQUIREMENTS

- ✔ All alarm systems are required to be registered including police, fire, and medical alarm systems.
- ✔ There is no fee for residents or businesses to register/renew their alarm system.
- ✔ The initial registration of your alarm is a joint effort between the alarm company and alarm owner/user.
- ✔ Once your alarm system is registered, you will receive a certificate of registration from FARU.
- ✔ You are required to renew your alarm system permit each year.
- ✔ A renewal notification will be mailed out from FARU as a reminder.

Did you know?

- ? Calvert County police, fire and medical personnel respond to around 10 alarm calls each day. That is over 3,500 calls each year.
- ? Less than 2 percent of alarm calls each year in Calvert County are true emergencies.
- ? The Calvert County False Alarm Regulations are located online at www.calvertcountymd.gov/FARU



False Alarms

- Divert emergency resources away from true emergencies.
- Are a nuisance to you and your neighbors.
- Make your security system less reliable.
- Cost you and your community money.

What to do when your alarm system is set off accidentally:

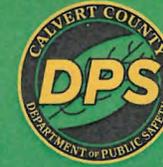
- Enter your disarm code to reset your system.
- Wait for your alarm company to call and give your password or ID number.
- Do not leave until you have talked to your alarm company.

Calvert County Government Department of Public Safety

False Alarm Reduction Unit

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FALSE ALARM REDUCTION UNIT

Is your alarm registered?

www.calvertcountymd.gov/FARU

Purpose of the False Alarm Reduction Unit (FARU)

- Encourage responsible alarm ownership at residences and businesses.
- Establish requirements for alarm businesses within Calvert County to protect the citizens and businesses.
- Educate alarm owners of the FARU regulations and responsible alarm system usage.
- Reduce and/or eliminate false alarm dispatch requests.



What is a False Alarm?

False alarms are any alarm signal that requests a response from police, fire or medical personnel where there is no evidence of criminal activity, fire or medical need to justify the response. This simply means if emergency personnel respond to an alarm activation and after investigation find no evidence that police, fire or medical services were needed, then the emergency response personnel will designate that alarm call as a false alarm.



Common Causes of False Alarms

- Unlocked or loose doors
- Kids, neighbors, visitors, babysitters, etc.
- Contractors, cleaning crews, realtors, premise caretakers, etc.
- User error/mistake
- Equipment malfunction
- Items moving, such as curtains, signs, balloons, plants, pets, rodents and wildlife

Remember:

- Have your alarm system checked every year to ensure it is operating properly.
- If you have apprehensions about using your system, call your alarm company for training.
- Train responders and anyone with keys to your location on the alarm system operations including any codes and/or passwords needed.
- Notify the False Alarm Reduction Unit if you have your alarm system disconnected, change alarm companies or move.

False Alarm Schedule and Fees

The billing cycle begins on January 1st and ends December 31st of each year.

False Alarm	Action Taken	Fine
1st	Written Notification	\$0
2nd	Written Notification	\$0
3rd	Written Notification, Fine and System Inspection Required	\$25
4th	Written Notification and Fine	\$50
5th	Written Notification and Fine	\$75
6th	Written Notification, Fine and Modification and/or Upgrade of System and/or Additional User Training Required	\$100
7th	Written Notification and Fine	\$125
8th	Written Notification and Fine	\$150
9th	Written Notification and Fine	\$175
10th	Written Notification and Fine	\$200
11th & up	Written Notification and Fine	\$300
Non-permitted alarm systems penalty for each false alarm occurrence in addition to any other penalties that may apply.		\$150