

Installation of fire alarms - Guidance Notes

These notes are intended to provide guidance to Select Vestries that wish to install or update a fire alarm.



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General

The building should be protected by an automatic fire alarm system installed to IS3218:2024 to provide Category L1 Protection. The control panel must have keypad operation and be analogue addressable.

The system must be designed, installed, commissioned and maintained by a competent installer.

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

Remote signalling should be incorporated to a permanently manned monitoring station conforming to IS EN50518.

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.

Important notes

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

Prior to agreeing the contract, you should contact The Direct Church Team at Ecclesiastical for guidance on fire detection and alarm systems.

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