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Tackle the Rising Costs of False Fire Alarms with Fike Twinflex Checkpoint Technology

Discount Fire Supplies have created a new blog post about the many ways false alarms can be reduced, including Fike Twinflex Checkpoint technology which gives businesses valuable time to check fire alarm activations and verify their legitimacy.

Discount Fire Supplies, an online retailer of fire alarm systems, have published a new blog post about the many ways to help reduce false fire alarms. The blog highlights key areas for improvement and the fact that with the right technology it's possible to verify a fire alarm's legitimacy before the full fire alarm is activated.

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False alarms not only cost the country millions of pounds in lost resources, businesses also suffer greatly due to the disruption false fire alarms bring to their business through lost man-hours and loss of confidence.

Nearly 250,000* false alarms were attended by fire and rescue authorities in the UK between April 2011 and March 2012. An astonishing two-thirds* of these false fire alarms were caused by apparatus.

A recent high profile victim of false alarms was 2010 Ryder Cup host Celtic Manor hotel in South Wales. Just days before the golf tournament commenced a false alarm occasioned a full evacuation of the hotel in the early hours of the morning causing great disruption to guests, some of whom were players in the tournament. With the eyes of the sport world on the hotel the false alarm could not have come at a worse time.

As highlighted in the Discount Fire Supplies blog, one example of technological advancement in this field is the Twinflex intelligent fire alarm system from Fike (formerly Rafiki). Fike Twinflex is a patented, 2-wire intelligent fire alarm system suitable for the majority of fire alarm installations.

The Fike Twinflex fire alarm system has the added option of a 'checkpoint' alarm confirmation feature. Checkpoint alarm confirmation drastically reduces the disruption and cost associated with false alarms, particularly during the settling-in period following installation.

Fire safety standards allow a time delay between the activation of a fire detector and the full alarm system being set in motion. In the Twinflex Plus fire alarm system a number of detectors can be set as checkpoints. If triggered a localised alarm will sound and the detector in question will be identified on the fire alarm control panel. This delay gives anyone nearby or with access to the control panel a chance to investigate the alarm and clear it if necessary. If the alarm is not cleared during the verification period the system will then go into full alarm mode.

At Discount Fire Supplies the full range of Twinflex fire alarm systems and accessories are stocked, with prices from leading retailers checked and matched daily.

About Discount Fire Supplies:

DiscountFireSupplies.co.uk is one of the UK's largest online retailers of fire alarms and other emergency products. They offer competitive pricing, free delivery on all orders over £100 and same day despatch on orders placed before 2.30pm.

*Statistics from the Communities & Local Government Fire Statistics Monitor April 2011 to March 2012.

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