



# Halton Regional Police Service

## Spring/Summer is Here

### AVOID FALSE ALARMS



**When you do your spring/summer cleaning in your home or business, why not do some spring/summer cleaning on your alarm system? To reduce the chance of a false alarm, consider the following:**

- With the warmer weather, we all like to open our windows and doors to let in the fresh air. Remember to close and lock all windows and doors before setting your alarm system.
- Before you rearrange your furniture or put up the new curtains or drapes, determine whether the design change will interfere with the operation of your motion sensors.
- Have your alarm company conduct their annual inspection of your alarm system for the following:
  - Check and clean motion sensors and smoke detectors to remove all cobwebs and dirt that may have accumulated.
  - Test batteries to ensure they will operate your alarm system for a minimum of four hours should you lose power.
  - Check all window and door contacts to make sure they are firmly in place.
  - Train or retrain all users on the proper operation of the alarm system, including cancellation procedures.
  - Confirm any changes you may be considering to your home or business will not cause a false alarm.
  - Review your contact list and make sure that all contact phone numbers are current.
  - When planning your vacation, remember to advise your alarm company of the dates you will be away, update your contact list and set up procedures for them to follow while you are away.
- During the spring/summer time, we experience stormy weather. Check all windows and doors to make sure they fit tightly in their frames so that the blowing wind does not cause a false alarm.

Performing routine maintenance on your alarm system will reduce false alarms and unnecessary police dispatches.

For more information about the Halton Regional Police Service Alarm Program or to register, contact:

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