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**Specialists in Design, Installation & Maintenance of Fire Alarms, Fire Extinguishers, CCTV & Access Control**

## ASBESTOS GUIDANCE

Southern Alarm Systems takes the dangers of disturbing asbestos in buildings very seriously. We ensure all our engineers receive “Asbestos Awareness Training” and attend regular refresher training to minimise accidental release of asbestos fibres into the air.

Asbestos was widely used in the building trade up until the year 2000 which is why the HSE recommends buildings built or refurbished prior to this date, compile an “Asbestos Register”. We will ask to review your Asbestos Register before we attend a site for any installation or improvement works to help us identify areas that have been recognised as “Asbestos Containing Materials” (ACM’s). The register should be freely available and identify where the asbestos is, its type, condition and level of risk it poses. This is normally identified as being: High risk, Medium risk, Low risk and Very Low risk.

Southern Alarm Systems has a duty to safeguard its employees and people within the areas we are working, our primary objective is not to disturb any type of asbestos, sometimes there are instances where this may not be possible; in these instances using the information provided in the asbestos register will enable us to know which category the work falls under:

- “Licensed Work” - to be carried out by a Licensed HSE contractor.
- “Notifiable non-licensed work” (NNLW) – we recommend a Licensed HSE contractor.
- “Non-licensed work” – is able to be carried out by Southern Alarm Systems trained engineers by adopting safe practices in guidance with the HSE documentation.

If the asbestos risk is listed as “Very Low risk” and falls under “Non-licensed work”, using the recommended methods, correct equipment and being vigilant our engineers will be able to minimise the risk of airborne particles. However, we would still advise your staff, residents and other personnel evacuate these areas whilst our engineers are carrying out this short term work.

If you have a policy of only using HSE licensed contractors for work related Asbestos, please inform us so the work can be co-ordinated with your HSE nominated contractors. If work has to be stopped due to Asbestos being found and return visits are required, it will fall outside our quoted works and additional costs will be incurred.

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