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HSEM ALERT

Fire System Isolations

Who needs to read this?

All Curtin University Staff and Contractors

Background

The purpose of this safety alert is to raise awareness amongst staff & contractors in relation to the University's process for fire system isolations.

Information

- All efforts must be taken to prevent the likelihood of any dusty, smoky or hot works activating the smoke/heat detectors, fire and EWIS panels by ensuring that the fire system is isolated in the affected area.
- A Fire System Isolation Permit must be submitted and approved using the [online form](#). Isolations of the fire panels must be undertaken only by Curtin University's Maintenance Portfolio.
- Isolations must be re-instated as per the approved Fire System Isolation Permit and in accordance with the guide "[Apply for Permit to Isolate Fire Systems](#)"
- Notwithstanding the isolation of the fire panels, smoke detectors' dust covers must be used when dusty works are being undertaken to protect detectors. It is the permit applicant / requestor's responsibility to install and remove the smoke detectors' covers at the end of the requested isolation period.
- Correct covers must be used. Gloves, tape or other materials must not be used to cover the detectors.
- Failure to temporarily cover detectors during dusty works resulting in damage to the detector will result in the permit applicant / requestor being charged for repair, cleaning and or replacement of detector.
- Failure to isolate specific areas that resulted in the alarm activation and subsequent response by DFES (Department of Fire and Emergency Services) will incur a False Fire Alarm Fee. Please refer to



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<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/businessandindustry/Pages/FalseFireAlarms-FAQs.aspx>

- Curtin University reserves the right to recover the False Fire Alarm Fee and consequential losses from the responsible entity.



Who do we call with questions?

If you have any queries, please contact:

Curtin Properties, Facilities & Development on 9266 2020 or email scc@curtin.edu.au

Health, Safety and Emergency Management on 9266 4900 or email healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au.

References

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