



HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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HSEM BULLETIN

DID YOU KNOW... False Fire Alarms Activations

Who needs to read this?

All staff, students and contractors

Purpose

To provide information on the prevention of false fire alarm activations.

Information

Did you know that we have over 120 false fire alarms activations a year on our Bentley campus alone...

From July 2015, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) will be charging a \$750.00 fee for attendance to a fire alarm activation that is deemed false by the attending DFES crews. This fee will bring Western Australia in line with other States and Territories.

Recommendations

All Staff, students and contractors should familiarise themselves with the following tips for reducing false alarms:

- Switch on fans and opening vents and windows before cooking or showering.
- Do not direct aerosol spray at smoke detectors.
- Ensure staff/students monitor their food when cooking, reheating or toasting.
- Contractors and staff are to ensure that any work that may generate dust, fumes, steam or sprays which may activate the local alarm, is undertaken under a [Permit to Work](#) – [Fire Alarm Isolation](#) issued by Properties.
- Ensure smoke detectors are clean and unobstructed. If cleaning is required raise a [Service Request](#) or contact SCC (Properties) on ext. 2020.

For further information and tips please refer to the DFES [website](#).

Who do we call with questions?

If you have any queries, please contact Emergency Management on 9266 4900 or email emergency_management@curtin.edu.au.

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