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Question: Should wind cause my security alarm system to activate?

Answer: Wind should *not cause properly installed and maintained* alarm systems to activate.

Fact: False alarms caused by wind are preventable.

To prevent wind-related false alarms:

- ✓ Eliminate movement within door and window frames which allows separation of contacts and creates a false alarm.
- ✓ Ensure doors and windows fit snugly into their frames and that contacts are firmly in place.
- ✓ Consider replacing loose alarm contacts with “wide” door or window contacts to fill voids which allow excessive movement of your doors and windows

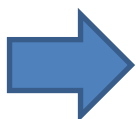
Question: Should power outage or power surge cause my security alarm system to activate?

Answer: Power outages and/or surges should *not cause properly installed and maintained* alarm systems to activate.

Fact: False alarms caused by power outages and power surges are preventable.

To prevent power outages or power surges from causing false alarms:

- ✓ Contact your alarm company to verify that your alarm system has been properly installed to include a surge suppressor and adequate battery backup.
- ✓ Ensure surge suppressors are installed on BOTH the alarm system and on the phone line sending the alarm signal to your monitoring station.
- ✓ Ensure your alarm system batteries are holding a minimum charge of four hours; if not, replace them.
- ✓ Properly maintained batteries and surge suppressors help reduce false alarm activations.



Remember, wind and power-related alarm activations are false alarms.

