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- Fact or Fiction?

**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.