

DID YOU KNOW?



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IT WAS A ... FALSE ALARM!

False alarms refer to fire and carbon monoxide protection systems, not elevator alarms. There are three types of false alarms:

73 SERIES - Malfunction : It was not anyone's fault... just a system failure.

- NO FIRE occurred
 - System/detector activated due to a **FAILURE/MALFUNCTION**
 - A person **DID NOT** cause the activation
- Ex. Residential fire alarm is activated, but there is no smoke or fire: **733***

730 Malfunction- System malfunction, other, no fire

731 Malfunction- Sprinkler activation, no fire

732 Malfunction- Extinguishing system alarm activation, no fire

733 Malfunction- Smoke detector alarm activation, no fire

734 Malfunction- Heat detector alarm activation, no fire

735 Malfunction- Alarm system sounded, no fire

736 Malfunction- CO detector alarm activation, no fire

71 SERIES - Malicious:

Yes, I did it! IT WAS ME!!

- NO FIRE occurred
- A person **PURPOSEFULLY** set off the alarm/detector, but there is no emergency

710 Malicious/Intentional- False alarm/call, other

711 Malicious/Intentional- Street fire false alarm box

713 Malicious/Intentional- Telephone false alarm (False 911 call, etc.)

714 Malicious/Intentional- Central-station-monitored system false alarm

715 Malicious/Intentional- Local alarm system false alarm

*Ex. Someone pulls a pull station intentionally, but there is no emergency: **715***

74 SERIES - Unintentional:

It was an honest mistake!!

- NO FIRE occurred
- A person accidentally activates alarm/detector
- System is **FUNCTIONING PROPERLY**, but responded to non-hostiles smoke/heat

740 Accidental- Unintentional transmission of alarm, other, no fire

741 Accidental- Sprinkler activation, no fire (testing w/out notification)

742 Accidental- Extinguishing system activation, no fire (testing w/out notification)

743 Accidental- Smoke detector activation, no fire (steam, non-hostile smoke, etc.)

744 Accidental- Detector activation, no fire (high heat, etc.)

745 Accidental- Alarm system alarm activation, no fire

746 Accidental- Carbon monoxide detector alarm activation, no CO

*Ex. Engineer forgot to turn off the sprinkler system before testing: **741***



DAD JOKES

I'm really allergic to pollen, but I feel this spring has been breathtaking...