

# Alarm systems

## Fire alarms

As you know, fire alarms are an important part of your care home fire protection strategy. Having them regularly maintained and serviced reduces the risk of false alarms. You may be aware that some fire and rescue authorities will not attend automated fire alarm activations from premises that are regular offenders with false alarms.

There are many fire alarm systems available; ensuring you have the best one for your care home layout, and fire risk, is crucial. If you're looking to replace a troublesome fire alarm, or install a new system, Abbot Fire Group supply and install tried and tested fire alarm systems with proven track records, including EN54 approval.

There are two types of fire alarm systems available, hard wired, or wireless. Hard wired systems are installed into the fabric of the building. This type of system is often suited to new care home builds, extensions, or where refurbishment is taking place.



Installation of a wireless system causes minimal disruption to residents and staff, in addition to minimal damage to décor. The system is fully networked enabling it to be tailored to your care home's layout and requirements.

Both types of system work by sounding a loud alarm should a fire break out, providing residents and staff with a clear signal to evacuate.

Electromagnetic door closures which have a stay open / free swing operation can also be linked to the fire alarm system. These doors then close automatically when the fire alarm sounds, helping to reduce the rapid spread of fire.



## Nurse call systems

It's not just fire alarms that provide crucial cover in care homes, but nurse call systems too. Ensuring residents are able to get help urgently when required, by alerting staff instantly that assistance is needed, provides peace of mind to both residents and families alike.

Nurse call systems can be the traditional pull cord variety or a wireless system where residents just press a button. This enables you to choose the best type of system based upon your care home layout and residents' needs. Call points can be installed into individual rooms, communal areas and bathrooms, providing reassurance to residents that help is only a pull cord, or push button, away. Some systems are also available with additional capabilities, such as automatic bed wetting notification.

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