

# Will your fire alarm work in an emergency? Ensure your fire alarm provider is competent

Having an appropriate fire detection and alarm system in a non-domestic/business property and keeping this regularly maintained is listed as a requirement of national fire safety legislation.

Using a **BAFE SP203-1** (or a **BAFE SP201\***) registered provider will assist you in meeting your obligations under national fire legislation. This can be used as a clear statement of requirements when sourcing competent providers **for your fire detection and alarm system**.

The BAFE SP203-1 Scheme ensures independent certification of competence for service providers who design, install, commission and maintain fire detection and alarm systems.

\*(The BAFE SP201 Scheme acknowledges providers who hold LPS 1014 Fire Detection and Alarm Systems certification).



BAFE is the independent register of quality fire safety service providers, certificated to ensure competence to help meet your fire safety obligations.



# Fire Detection and Alarm Systems

## Legal requirements and Information

### England and Wales

*"The responsible person must ensure that the premises are, to the extent that it is appropriate, equipped with appropriate fire-fighting equipment and with fire detectors and alarms"*

- The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Act 2005  
Part 2, Article 13

*"Where necessary in order to safeguard the safety of relevant persons the responsible person must ensure that the premises and any facilities, equipment and devices provided in respect of the premises under this Order... are subject to a suitable system of maintenance and are maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair."*

- The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Act 2005  
Part 2, Article 17

### Scotland

*"Where necessary (whether due to the features of the relevant premises, the activity carried on there, any hazard present or any other relevant circumstances) in order to ensure the safety of relevant persons in respect of harm caused by fire, a person with duties under section 53 or 54 **must ensure that the relevant premises are, to the extent that it is appropriate, equipped with appropriate means for fighting fire and means for giving warning in the event of fire.**"*

- The Fire Safety (Scotland) Regulations 2006 PART III, Regulation 12

*"Where necessary in order to ensure the safety of relevant persons in respect of harm caused by fire the person with duties under section 53 or 54 **must ensure that the relevant premises and any facilities, equipment and devices provided** in respect of the relevant premises under these Regulations or, subject to paragraph (5), under any other enactment, including any enactment repealed or revoked by, under, or by virtue of the 2005 Act, **are subject to a suitable system of maintenance and are maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair.**"*

- The Fire Safety (Scotland) Regulations 2006 PART III, Regulation 16

### Northern Ireland

*"Where necessary (whether due to the features of the relevant premises, the activity carried on there, any hazard present or any other relevant circumstances) in order to ensure the safety of relevant persons in respect of harm caused by fire, a person with duties under Article 25 or 26 **shall ensure that the relevant premises are, to the extent that it is appropriate, equipped with appropriate means for fighting fire and means for giving warning in the event of fire**"*

- The Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 Part III, Article 12

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