

DID YOU KNOW?

Florida State Statute 489 Part II outlines the licensing requirements and responsibilities of all alarm agents in the state, including all mandatory training, background check, and photo ID requirements.

The following subsections are important to know when having an alarm system installed and should be thoroughly explained to you by the installer before activation of the system:

FSS 489.529

Alarm confirmation required.—All residential or commercial intrusion/burglary alarms that have central monitoring are required to have the alarm monitoring company attempt to confirm the alarm signal by call, text message, or other electronic means made to the owner, occupant, or an authorized designee associated with the premises generating the alarm signal before alarm monitor personnel contact a law enforcement agency for alarm dispatch. The alarm monitoring company must attempt to confirm the alarm signal a second time via communication with the owner, occupant, or an authorized designee associated with the premises if the first attempt to confirm is unsuccessful. However, alarm signal confirmation is not required if:

- (1) The intrusion/burglary alarm has a properly operating visual or auditory sensor that enables the alarm monitoring personnel to verify the alarm signal; or
- (2) The intrusion/burglary alarm is installed on a premises that is used for the storage of firearms or ammunition by a person who holds a valid federal firearms license as a manufacturer, importer, or dealer of firearms or ammunition, provided the customer notifies the alarm monitoring company that he or she holds such license and would like to bypass the two-attempt confirmation protocol. Upon initiation of a new alarm monitoring service contract, the alarm monitoring company shall make reasonable efforts to inform a customer who holds a valid federal firearms license as a manufacturer, importer, or dealer of firearms or ammunition of his or her right to opt out of the two-attempt confirmation protocol.

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Audible alarms.—Every audible alarm system installed by a licensed contractor shall have a device to automatically terminate the audible signal within 15 minutes of activation. A fire alarm system, whether installed voluntarily or as a requirement of an adopted code, which employs an audible fire signal is exempt as required by such code.

History.—s. 18, ch. 96-298; s. 7, ch. 2006-154.

Access the entire chapter here: www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes