

## **Before You Activate Your Alarm System**

- Securely lock all exterior doors including deadbolts and other secondary locking devices. Your locks are your first line of defense not your alarm system.
- All windows must be closed and locked to ensure that all contacts are properly aligned.
- Make sure that items or decorations around doors and windows do not interfere with door or window contacts or the motion sensors.
- Secure any interior/exterior garage entry doors with a deadbolt device. Be sure to close your overhead door when exiting the garage.
- Keep pets, helium-filled balloons, fans, heaters, plants, curtains, and decorations etc., away from motion sensor areas.
- When you have finished preparing your home or business prior to alarm activation, activate your alarm system and make your **exit in the time allowed**. If you don't know your delay time, contact your alarm company. It should be at least 45 seconds, or longer if needed.
- Wait a few minutes before driving off to make sure your alarm system does not cause a false activation.
- If your alarm system should activate, **don't panic!** Re-enter your home or business, then enter your code to deactivate your alarm. Carefully follow the instructions given by your alarm company to cancel and prevent a false alarm. Keep your monitoring company phone number as a contact in your phone.
- Make sure your emergency contact list is current and accurate.



**Proper Preparation Can Avoid Costly  
FALSE ALARMS**