

Thunderstorm + Lightning + Power Outage = False Alarm?



The answer is NO!

**Thunderstorms, lightning and power
outages do not have to equal false alarms.**

Consider the following:

- Power surges, outages and lightning strikes **should not** cause false alarms!
- False alarms caused by lightning strikes **are controllable** through the proper grounding of alarm systems and the use of power **AND** phone line surge suppressors.
- Use of surge suppressors greatly reduce false alarms by redirecting and dissipating electrical current to the ground.

**In order to avoid costly false alarms that may occur during inclement weather, contact
your alarm company and follow these simple steps:**

- Repair loose fitting doors and windows.
- Ensure all alarm contacts are firmly in place.
- Use wide-gap door and window contacts.
- Use surge protectors/suppressors on both the alarm system and the phone line, if applicable, that sends the alarm signal to the monitoring center.
- Ensure the battery back-up protection is in good working order, is fully charged and will hold that charge for a minimum of four hours.
- Ensure your alarm system is properly grounded.

**REMEMBER . . . Properly designed, installed and maintained alarm systems will not
generate false alarm activity (AND FINES) due to power surges or power interruptions!**

**Taking the proper precautions will GREATLY reduce the chances your alarm system will
be the cause of false alarms during a storm. However, in the case of a catastrophic
lightning strike, the system may malfunction or suffer damage.**