

Pests Can Cause False Alarms

Law enforcement routinely responds to burglar alarms triggered by pests including birds, rodents, and insects. This response is costly and ties up public safety resources. In some instances, the cost is passed on to alarm owners through false alarm fees and fines.

If you have a false alarm problem, you might also have a pest problem:

- Insects inside or around a detector cause false alarms.
- Birds flying **through** buildings are a common source of false alarms.
- Pests moving around buildings can set off motion sensors.
- Rodents often chew on alarm wiring causing the alarm system to activate.



You can take actions to reduce false alarms from pests:

- Have your alarm company check and clean your alarm sensors after you eliminate pests.
- Work with your alarm company to design a security system that is compatible with the known issues caused by pests.
- Realize that it may be impossible to operate the alarm equipment in some areas with severe pest infestations.
- Check with your alarm company to see if cross-zoning will work for you.
- Whenever you have false alarms, contact your alarm company.

