

BERN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
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ALARMS

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The Bern Township Police Department encourages the installation and use of alarm systems by business owners and residential property owners. The use of alarm systems provides a timely alert to fires, intrusions, and other monitored conditions, and a deterrent to criminal acts on the monitored premises. Alarms provide warnings to homeowners if their house has been entered while they were away, reducing the chances of encountering an assailant hiding in your home. Alarm systems have a positive effect on the protection of lives and property.

Ordinance Number 275 of 2012, the Bern Township Emergency Alarm Ordinance, enacted February 7, 2012, requires alarm system registration with the police department for any new system being installed in Bern Township. Owners of existing alarm systems were required to register alarms within 180 days of the enactment of the ordinance. There are no fees required for registration of alarms. The police department maintains a directory that includes the location of properties, owner(s) of properties, and information regarding emergency contact personnel. Alarm subscribers should ensure that their location and emergency contact information on file with the police department is correct and current, as this is vital to providing effective alarm response.

Persons testing alarm systems are required to make prior notification to their central station monitoring company, emergency call center, fire department, or the police department. The notification must include the date and time when the testing will occur.

Fees may be assessed for false alarm responses as follows:

TYPE OF FALSE ALARM	MORE THAN	CHARGE
False burglary, robbery, intrusion, or similar alarm	More than 3 within 90 days	\$35.00
False fire, water flow, smoke, heat, or similar alarms (charges escalate with repeated false alarms)	More than 3 but less than 5	\$50.00
False fire, water flow, smoke, heat, or similar alarms (charges escalate with repeated false alarms)	More than 6 but less than 10	\$100.00
False fire, water flow, smoke, heat, or similar alarms (charges escalate with repeated false alarms)	More than 10 per calendar year	\$300.00



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ALARM SYSTEM INFORMATION
RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS
(Township Ordinance No. 275)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

NAME OF RESIDENT OR BUSINESS

ADDRESS

CITY

ST

ZIP

HOME PHONE NO.

WORK PHONE NO.

CELL PHONE NO.

NAME OF ALARM COMPANY

PHONE NO.

LIST THREE (3) PERSONS TO BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

NAME

HOME PHONE NO.

CELL PHONE NO.

NAME

HOME PHONE NO.

CELL PHONE NO.

NAME

HOME PHONE NO.

CELL PHONE NO.

TYPE OF ALARM:

BURGLAR

FIRE

PANIC

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

Please familiarize yourself and your employees with the correct operation of your alarm system. **Be advised of Bern Township Ordinance No. 275, Chapter 46, Section 46-8, regarding False Alarms / Activations.** To help us serve you better advise us of any changes in the above information.