



Top Tips - Cut out & keep guide: Understanding Monitoring



Monitoring is a term that is not as commonly recognised as Redcare, but Redcare is in fact a brand of monitoring, not the actual product itself (It's a bit like saying 'Hoover' for a Vacuum Cleaner). After having read this Top Tip, you should have an understanding of monitoring and what relevance it has to you and your organisation.

WHAT IS MONITORING?

In short, monitoring is how your system automatically calls the Police and Fire Brigade.

WHAT CAN BE MONITORED?

- Water leak detection
- CCTV activation
- Fire alarm
- Intruder alarm
- Panic alarm
- Temperature monitoring (fridges etc)
- Fault monitoring
- And many more...*

DO I NEED MY FIRE & SECURITY SYSTEMS MONITORED?

Great question as it is not always a necessity to monitor your alarms. However, there are a couple of reasons/situations where it is a necessity.

These are:

1. If your insurance provider requires it.

Most insurance providers do ask for your systems to be monitored, however it is worth double checking with cont...

your insurance provider to see whether or not you definitely need monitoring. It might be required on your fire systems but not your intruder.

2. If you are conscious of your building when no one is there.

For example if you run a school building, you will have peace of mind knowing that people who are needed i.e. Police or Fire Brigade, will be called instantly and automatically

WHAT DO I NEED IN PLACE TO HAVE A MONITORED SYSTEM?

System and building requirements for monitoring vary depending on what grade of monitoring you are after.

These could range from simply having a fire or intruder alarm panel, to having a number of phone lines, and more.

If you would like to fully understand the requirements for monitoring your system, please visit:

www.w-fp.co.uk/monitoring



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