



Top Tips - Cut out & keep guide: Four Bitesize Tips!



With so much relevant knowledge that we want you to know about, we felt this month we couldn't focus on just the one topic. So your September WFN Top Tips section boasts FOUR mini top tips... Enjoy!

1. Making the most of your CCTV system.

You may have a CCTV system in place or are thinking of installing one, in which case:

- Don't do anything more until you have a clear purpose for the system (commonly referred to as Operational Requirements).
- Once you know what you want then set a budget. In reality you always get what you pay for and CCTV is a great example of this.

2. Acknowledging faults on fire alarms.

We know how easy it is to ignore faults, especially when it's the same fault that has been there for ages. However, as harmless as this may seem, it is not worth ignoring, here's why:

- Most importantly, a fault is a fault! If one shows on your system, then there is something wrong, and you should get it checked out and fixed.
- If the fault has been there for what seems like forever, then this could cause further faults if not fixed. This results in added costs for more repairs and potentially serious implications for you.
- If you are just clearing the fault every time it pops up because you know it's "no big deal", normally it is a bigger deal than you realise! If another fault pops up during that time, it can quite easily be dismissed when assuming that it is the same fault from before.

3. What's wrong with your smoke detector?

If your smoke detector keeps false alarming, then what should you do?

- Find out what's setting it off and solve that problem first *i.e. a toaster that's burning toast – bin it.*
- Is it the right type for the environment? *i.e. Ionisation, Optical or Heat - again we strongly advise you to consider changing the cause of the false alarm before changing the detector. (Read our blog on detector choice to find out more: <http://www.w-fp.co.uk/what-detector-type-do-i-need/>)*
- It is much more likely to be a design issue than a fault with the system, although it's worth checking the basics such as water ingress or physical damage. (We are more than happy to help, we might be able to advise you over the phone.)



4. Do you know how to use your fire extinguisher? Or which one to use when?

The following explains what type of extinguisher to use in which situation. But, if you did not know, we seriously recommend that you book fire extinguisher training ASAP, find out how by calling us on 01277 724 779.

- Use water extinguishers on fires fuelled by paper, wood and fabrics.
- Use carbon dioxide extinguishers on electrical fires, flammable liquids and gasses.
- Powder fire extinguishers are for general use.
- Use foam fire extinguishers on flammable liquids, paper, wood and fabrics.



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