Domestic Detection

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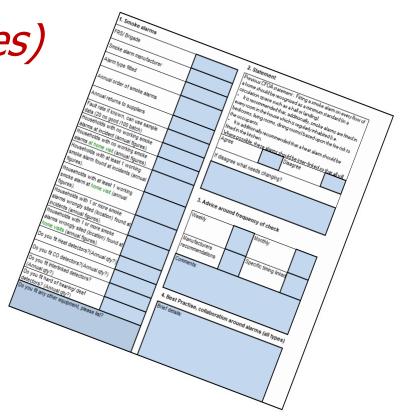


What's going on?



Data Collection (39 replies)

- Smoke alarm return rates
- Future developments
- Testing advice
- What are we all fitting/gifting
- Position Statement

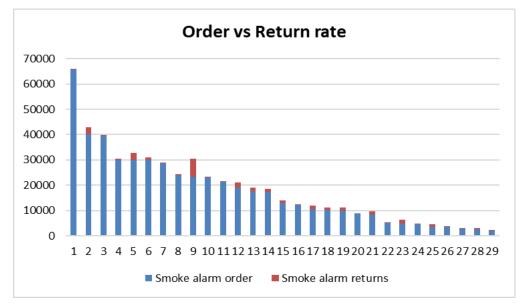




Return Rates v Fault Rates

- •The return rates range from 0.3 % to 32%
- •Manufacturers fault rates are a lot lower







Return Rates v Fault Rates

(Staffs) 72/100 found not faulty

- Damaged
- Contaminated
- End of life
- Activations!!!!!



Return Rates v Fault Rates

Why should we care?

- Are we assuming all are faulty?
- Are we removing good alarms?
- Reputation our staff and communities?
- Activations!!!!!..... near miss?
- Demand!

Better communication and education Future developments to understand the data in the alarm!

NFCC National Fire Chiefs Council

Future Development

Fire Angel Connected Homes

A cloud based system compatible with a range of detectors which can be monitored. Currently now available. Fire angel 'predict' alerts a potential change in risk by monitoring frequency of alarms events, time to silence etc.

<u>Fireblitz – Fire Hawk Nexus series</u> - Wi Fi system with a set of wider AT alarms such as Panic buttons and shock sensors, available now by special order.

Aico - 3000 series

Launched June 2018, has a portal connecting to their main customers social landlords – (Mains supplied alarms).

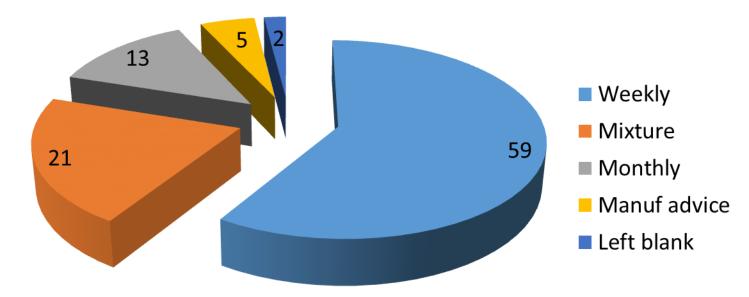








Smoke Alarm Testing



Chiefs Council

Which is right?

'Always follow the manufactures recommendations / guidance – our advice is to test your smoke alarm weekly with a minimum of monthly'.

What are we fitting?

All FRS's are using optical alarms, with the majority using a mixture of thermal multi sensor or enhancer.

Heat detectors:

16 of the 39 FRS's provide Heat detectors (41%).

CO detectors:

22 of the 39 FRS's provide CO detectors (56%).

Interlinked detectors (not hard of hearing):

16 of the 39 FRS have fit interlinked alarms (41%).

Hard of hearing alarms:

36 of the 39 FRS's provide Hard of hearing alarms (92%). Numbers are mainly in the hundreds.



Position Statement

Fitting a smoke alarm on every floor of a home should be recognised as a minimum standard (in a circulation space such as a hall or landing).

- It is recommended that, additionally, smoke alarms are fitted in every room in the house which is regularly inhabited (i.e. bedrooms, living rooms, dining rooms) based upon the fire risk to the occupants.
- It is additionally recommended that a heat alarm should be fitted in the kitchen.

Where possible, these alarms should be inter-linked so that all will actuate if one does.

- •85% agreed with the statement
- Appears to reflect what we are fitting currently
- Concerns around budgets



Next Steps

- Working smoke alarm data confusion! (IRS Q)
- Education and communication Returns
- Share this data and SPOC for concerns
- •Issue Position Statement

Other areas of work

- lonisation alarms facts!
- British Standards
- Future developments and best practise shared

