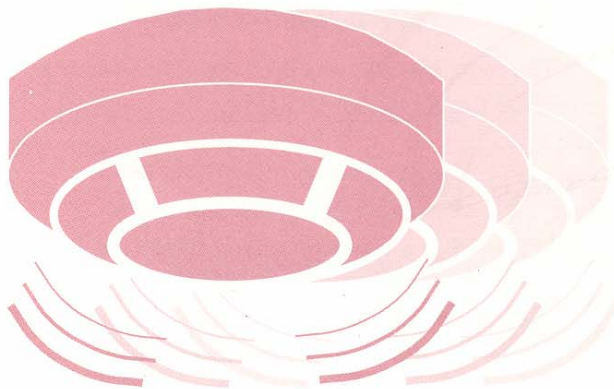


**The Loss Prevention Certification Board  
Selecting Fire Alarm Installers  
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## SELECTING **FIRE ALARM SYSTEM INSTALLERS**

✓ A guide to independently  
approved fire alarm system  
installers



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### Effective fire detection systems?

However well intentioned we are, there is always a risk that a fire will break out.

Because of this ever present risk it is important to protect life and property with an effective and reliable fire detection and alarm system.

As technology has developed, so fire detection products and systems have become more sophisticated and complex. Thus the choice of a competent installer to ensure satisfactory installation and maintenance has become all the more important.

But how can you be sure that the company you employ to install your fire detection and alarm system will be competent, and how can you be sure that your installation will be likely to satisfy the fire brigade as meeting statutory requirements or to satisfy your insurance company?

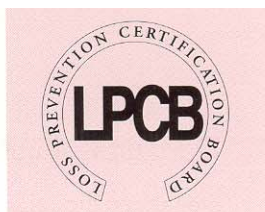
The most effective way is to use a firm which is LPCB Certificated to LPS 1014.

### What is LPS 1014?

LPS 1014 is a standard against which the Loss Prevention Certification Board (LPCB) assesses the ability of companies to design, install, commission and service fire detection and alarm systems.

By specifying a firm which is certificated to LPS 1014, you can be confident that your fire detection and alarm system will be installed competently to the codes of practice that you specify (e.g. BS5839: Part 1), and that the firm can provide the necessary maintenance service required to maintain a valid certificate.

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### To be certificated to LPS 1014 a firm:

- must have a number of years experience in design, installation, commissioning and servicing of systems.
- must have randomly selected installations inspected by the LPCB every six months against the specified contract requirements. Certificates must reliably identify deviations from the Installation Rules applied.
- must have the resources to support systems in case of a break down with an 8-hour emergency call out service.
- must competently perform the planned servicing of installations.
- must have suitably trained and experienced staff.
- must operate a BS EN ISO9000 quality system.

### Deviations to installation rules

#### What are deviations?

It may be necessary in terms of good fire engineering practice, or where requested by the customer, that the installed system may deviate from the recommendations of Installation Rules. Such deviations are allowable under the scheme providing they are identified to the customer.

### Deviations should be expected

Deviations should not be seen as the inability of the LPS 1014 firm to provide the required system, but should be expected as part of any well-engineered system.

These deviations should be clearly identified on a certificate of compliance with Installation Rules (e.g. BS5839: Part 1 Certificate) and on the LPS 1014 Certificate of Conformity.

### Certificate of Conformity

The LPS 1014 approved firm issues a Certificate of Conformity to the client on completion of each installation contract. Copies of these certificates are held by the LPCB from which installations for inspection are chosen.

Certificates of Conformity could be used to provide evidence to the enforcing authorities, such as the Fire Service, and to insurers that the installation complies with the recommendations of the relevant code of practice (e.g. BS5839: Part 1) and meets the contract requirements specified.

### Regular service and maintenance

The responsibility for ensuring the proper maintenance of the installation and continued compliance with Installation Rules lies with the system end-user and is normally achieved by obtaining the services of a servicing and maintenance company.



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As part of the LPS 1014 scheme, the servicing and maintenance capability of firms is assessed by the LPCB.

By employing an LPS 1014 Certificated firm for the servicing and maintenance of your installation you can be assured that the firm has demonstrated their competence to the LPCB, and that your installation will continue to be suitable for the purpose into the future.

### LPCB-approved products and services

All LPS 1014 firms, as well as details of all other LPCB approved products and services, are listed in the LPCB specifiers' guide, List of Approved Fire & Security Products and Services. The List is available free of charge from the LPCB.

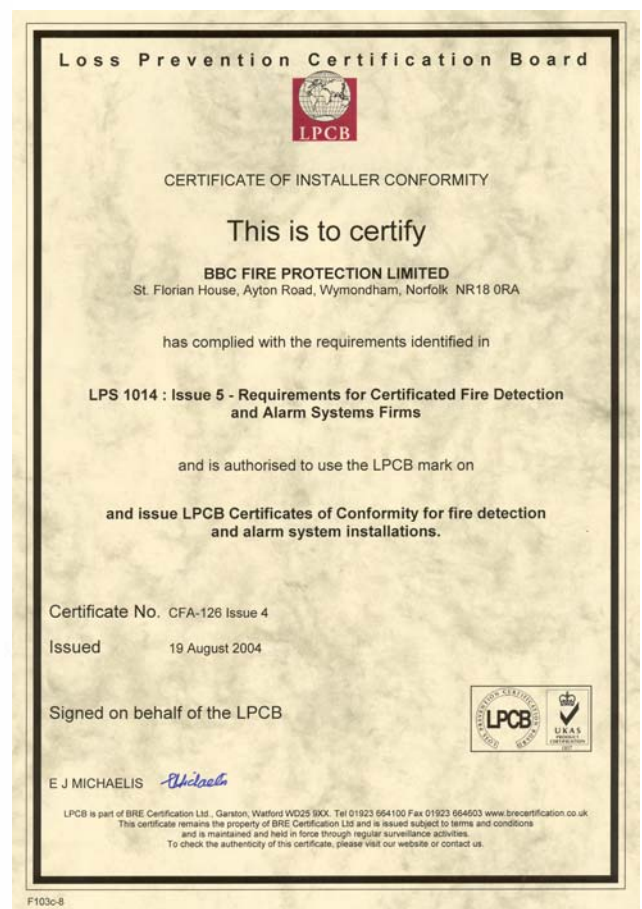
### International recognition

The LPCB is recognised by specifiers, regulatory authorities and governments around the world.

The LPCB's independent board is made up from representatives of industry, insurers, trade associations, and CACFOA (Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers Association) with observers from the Department of the Environment, the Home Office and the Health and Safety Executive.



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