

Alarm Systems Checklist

General Requirements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Does your plan include a way to alert employees, including disabled workers, to evacuate or take other action, and how to report emergencies?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you established an employee alarm system that complies with 1910.165? 1910.38(d)
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the employee alarm system is used for alerting fire brigade members, or for other purposes, is a distinctive signal used for each purpose? 1910.38(d)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the employee alarm system provide warning for necessary emergency action as called for in the emergency action plan, or for reaction time for safe escape of employees from the workplace or the immediate work area, or both? 1910.165(b)(1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Can alarms be heard, seen, or otherwise perceived by everyone in the workplace? 1910.165(b)(2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you provide an auxiliary power supply if electricity is shut off? 1910.165(b)(2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you ensure that alarms are distinctive and recognized by all employees as a signal to evacuate the work area or perform actions identified in your plan? 1910.165(b)(3)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you made available an emergency communications system such as a public address system, portable radio unit, or other means to notify employees of the emergency and to contact local law enforcement, the fire department, and others? 1910.165(b)(4)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you established procedures for sounding emergency alarms in the workplace? 1910.165(b)(5)
Installation and Restoration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are only approved devices, components, combinations of devices, or systems used? Steam whistles, air horns, strobe lights or similar lighting devices, or tactile devices meeting the requirements of this section are considered to meet this requirement for approval. 1910.165(c)(1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all employee alarm systems restored to normal operating condition as soon as possible after each test or alarm? Spare alarm devices and components must be readily available. 1910.165(c)(2)
Maintenance and Testing	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all employee alarm systems in proper working condition, except when undergoing repairs or maintenance? 1910.165(d)(1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the reliability and adequacy of non-supervised employee alarm systems tested every two months? Use a different actuation device in each test of a multi-actuation device system. 1910.165(d)(2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are power supplies maintained or replaced as often as is necessary to assure a fully operational condition? Provide back-up alarms when systems are out of service. 1910.165(d)(3)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is employee alarm circuitry installed after January 1, 1981 supervised and does it provide positive notification to assigned personnel whenever a deficiency exists in the system? 1910.165(d)(4)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the servicing, maintenance and testing of employee alarms done by properly trained persons? 1910.165(d)(5)
Manual Operation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are manually activated alarms unobstructed, conspicuous and readily accessible? 1910.165(e)