

## Recommendations for Selecting an Alarm Installer

- Always use a Company which is Licensed and certified to install Intruder Alarm Systems to the European Standard EN 50131, (IS 199 which was the old standard is not valid after 1st March 2004.)
- Always look for a Company which has a Quality System which is independently audited, such as ISIA Qualicert.
- Check that the company is registered with an industry Association, particularly one that certifies to high business practice standards
- Obtain several quotations to enable you to compare prices and types of systems offered.
- Obtain the quotations in writing.
- Make the Alarm Company come and do a survey of your premises, so you get an accurate quotation and correctly designed security system.
- Consider having the system monitored.
- Take out a maintenance contract to have the system maintained to the same high standard as the installation. Poorly maintained systems cause the majority of false alarm activations and are liable to failure just when you need them to protect your premises.
- When you have purchased an Alarm System always arrange for neighbours to be key-holders of your house so that they can checkout the house if the Alarm goes off and so they can reset the system
- All of the above can be provided by Members of the Electronics Division of the ISIA.