

False fire alarms: a serious offence

- A false fire alarm is a criminal offence. Under section 437 of the Criminal Code of Canada, anyone who wilfully, without reasonable cause, circulates or causes to be made an alarm of fire is guilty of an indictable offence.
- Anyone caught pulling a false alarm will be charged with public mischief and initiating a false fire alarm.
- A fine will be issued to the student and his/her family.
- The student caught pulling a false alarm will be suspended until they and their family meet with school and fire officials to meet any obligations associated with the false fire alarm.



Every time firefighters respond to a false fire alarm they are not available to help others in the city that may be experiencing a fire or those who are in need of medical assistance. Putting the lives of others in jeopardy is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Students should use the fire alarm pull stations in schools only if they see a fire in the building.