

# Alarm Legislation Information Pack



Victoria Police have been diligent in their inspections to verify that the new storage requirements have been met by firearm owners and are well poised to commence prosecution from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005. Despite continual confusion, firearm owners are individually responsible for their own compliance with the new legislation, so consider your personal cost - the cost of complying fully with the legislation versus the cost of defending yourself against prosecution.

The Firearms (Trafficking and Handgun Control) Bill 2003 took effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004. This legislation requires firearms collectors to install a "monitored alarm system of a class approved by the Chief Commissioner" where more than 5 firearms are stored on the premises, one of these being a handgun. As yet other classes of firearm owners have not been affected to this extent. However this new legislation shows that this is where the government may be heading for all licence holders.

The Chief Commissioner's delegate has stated that the class of monitored alarm for the purposes of the *Firearms (Trafficking and Handgun Control) Act 2003* must be **installed and maintained to Australian Standards** (AS2201 Intruder Alarms, Part 1: Systems installed in client's premises) and be monitored by a **24 hour back to base** monitoring centre. We therefore urge you to avoid DIY systems and deal only with reputable security companies that are fully licensed by the Licensing Services Branch of Victoria Police in accordance with the *Private Agents Act 1966* whose monitoring stations are certified to meet Australian Standards *AS2201.2 Australian Alarm Monitoring Standard*.

When investigating your options with respect to compliance with this new legislation, you will no doubt want the cheapest, most convenient option. However, there are many factors to consider when deciding who to deal with and what to install. Some "apparently" cheaper options may end up costing you a lot more.

When considering a quote, ensure that:

- You receive an **unlimited lifetime warranty** (including parts, labour and travel)
- There are no **hidden installation costs** (power, dialler, extra sensors, upgrading sensor types, difficult cabling, etc.)
- Fees will not increase** during the term of the agreement
- Running costs** are kept to a minimum (incl. power, telephone, batteries, etc.)
- Service to repair or maintain** your system is provided promptly and at no extra cost
- You receive the advertised offer without any **expensive variations** (because you have a flat roof, a multi-storey building, a basement, an attic, a shed, etc.)
- You consider the possibility of payments during times of **financial hardship**
- The system can be **easily and economically relocated when you move**
- The system will be replaced if damaged by thieves, vandals, flood or fire - **even if not covered by your insurance**
- The sensors are **suitably positioned and adjustable** (and pet-friendly if necessary)
- Notification is automatically sent for **power failure and low batteries**
- You can operate the system by **remote control**
- Panic buttons** are included
- Monitoring is provided by a **Grade A1 certified Monitoring Centre** (with independent certification to verify that operators action at least 95% of alarms within 60 seconds)
- Mobile patrol response** is both efficient and economical.

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If you already have a security system, but need to arrange an upgrade or to set up a back-to-base monitoring arrangement, then you should ensure that:

- All components of your system are **fully tested** and adjusted for optimum performance
- You receive a **warranty** on work performed by the technician
- Fees will not increase** during the term of the agreement
- Monitoring is provided by a **Grade A1 certified Monitoring Centre** (with independent certification to verify that operators action at least 95% of alarms within 60 seconds)
- Mobile patrol response** is both efficient and economical.

As part of our arrangement that the SSAA (Vic) has been able to secure with **Watch24 Security Services**, we are pleased to advise that Michael Hain (a fully licensed Security Advisor) has agreed to provide SSAA (Vic) members with an obligation-free opportunity to have all their questions answered.

Please call **Michael Hain** on **0419 344 453** or email [mhain@hotkey.net.au](mailto:mhain@hotkey.net.au) for further details.

## Alarm Special for SSAA (Vic) Members

The SSAA (Vic) Ltd. has negotiated special rates for the installation of an advanced WIRE-FREE alarm system into a member's property with monitoring as required by new Victorian legislation. Watch24 will also include **free** remote control as part of the special SSAA package<sup>♦</sup> and will **relocate systems without additional cost**<sup>#</sup> if the need arises.

Members will receive a **30 day FREE fully monitored alarm trial** and if you choose not to continue your monitoring/service<sup>♥</sup> beyond the FREE trial, the equipment will be removed without cost or penalty and you will not be under any further obligation.

Please call **Michael Hain** on **132 924** or **0419 344 453** and mention that you are a **SSAA member**) or email [mhain@hotkey.net.au](mailto:mhain@hotkey.net.au) for further details, or to request:

- ✓ a **FREE no-obligation** security assessment,
- ✓ a **30 day FREE fully monitored trial** (without obligation),
- ✓ back-to-base Grade A1 monitoring (even for many existing alarm systems).

Fully compliant with new firearms legislation including installation and maintenance and licensed by Victoria Police



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<sup>♦</sup> This special offer may be unavailable in some regional areas.

<sup>#</sup> The first relocation will be free with Premium Monitoring/Service; thereafter a fee will apply.

<sup>♥</sup> Watch24's **fixed fee** for monitoring and service **will not increase during the agreement** and includes:

- ✓ Back-to-Base **Grade A1** Monitoring (the new A1 version AS2201.2 Australian Alarm Monitoring Standard requires independent certification to verify that operators action at least 95% alarms within 60 seconds);
- ✓ Full warranted system maintenance (parts and labour) **at no additional cost**;
- ✓ Mobile patrol response to genuine calls **at no additional cost in most areas**;
- ✓ 24-hour access to Watch24's help line.