

Flint High School

Health & Safety Policy Statement

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Malicious Use of Fire Alarm System and Safety Equipment

Other relevant document; Student Code of Conduct

The malicious activation / tampering of any fire fighting equipment and / or the alarm system is a criminal offence. Both the Police and Fire Brigade can prosecute anyone who maliciously activates a Fire Alarm System whether it is activation of a detector or by breaking the glass in an alarm point.

Malicious activations have a significant impact on daily school life; notwithstanding the disruption to Flint High School, the alarm system is linked to Ysgol Maes Hyfryd. The activation and subsequent evacuation following an alarm causes a greater degree of stress and disruption to the students and staff. On average a false alarm causes a 25 minute disruption to students. However, the disruption caused to the facility management team members is much longer.

Should a malicious activation take place the student will;

- Face an immediate exclusion from school for up to two days
- If this is a repeat offence, the student will be referred to the police
- A fine of £50 will be applied, £100 for a repeat offence
- The costs of returning the school to an 'as normal' situation; including but not limited to the costs of replacing a broken glass panel on a 'break glass point', cost of reinstatement of the alarm system if an engineer is required.
- Any student who has encouraged another student to maliciously activate the fire alarm will also face severe sanctions, as above

Tampering with fire fighting / safety equipment can endanger lives. 'Evac Chairs', Fire Extinguishers and Fire Detector Points must not be tampered with.

If the malicious discharge of an extinguisher takes place the student will;

- Face an immediate exclusion from school for one day
- A fine of £25 will be applied, £50 for a repeat offence
- The costs of refilling and pressurising the extinguisher
- The cost of cleaning up the discharge from the extinguisher

In any case, if any safety equipment is tampered with and damaged, the student is

liable for any inspection and repair cost.

