ALARM INSTALLERS — GUIDE

Check alarm contractor licensing by state

Use official starting points and record the licence scope before you hire.

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Start with the authority for the property address. Do not assume that an alarm company can work in every place where it advertises. A member directory, a business registration and an installer licence answer different questions.

Official starting points

| Place | Public source | What to check | |---|---|---| | New York | Department of State, Security or Fire Alarm Installer | Installer licence record and the work covered | | Texas | Department of Public Safety, Private Security | Current licensing route and official record search | | British Columbia | Security industry licensing | Business licence and the worker category for the proposed work |

The New York page describes its security or fire alarm installer licence. The Texas page is the official entry point for Private Security. The British Columbia page states that a licence is required to work in the security industry or have a security business. These statements come from the named pages fetched 2026-11-10. They are starting points, not a complete account of exemptions or related electrical and fire rules.

A method for any state or province

Find the official licensing agency through a government website. Search the company's legal name and the number on its quote. Match the name, address, status and scope. Ask about a different trading name or subcontractor. Save the public record URL and the date you checked it.

If the search gives no result, ask the agency how to verify that category of work. Do not treat a missing result as proof that a business is unlawful. The register may use another legal name or another licence category.

Questions for the company

Ask which entity signs the contract. Ask which licence covers burglar alarm installation, fire alarm work, cameras and access control. Ask who will attend the site and whether another business will perform part of the work. Have the company identify the authority for each answer.

Keep a verification sheet

Record: property jurisdiction; contracting entity; licence type; licence number; agency; status; scope; expiry shown on the register; source URL; date checked; unresolved questions. Leave unknown fields blank. Repeat the check before signing if the scope or contractor changes.

This is a verification workflow. It is not a claim that every state uses the same licence or that one licence covers all security work.

Sources

- New York Department of State, Security or Fire Alarm Installer. Public page fetched 2026-11-10: https://dos.ny.gov/security-or-fire-alarm-installer.
- Texas Department of Public Safety, Private Security. Public page fetched 2026-11-10: https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/private-security.
- Province of British Columbia, Security industry licensing. Public page fetched 2026-11-10: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/security-services/security-industry-licensing.

Frequently asked questions

Can I use this guide instead of a site assessment?

No. Ask an alarm company for a written assessment. Confirm local requirements with the authority that applies to the property.