

**661—277.2(100C) Definitions.** The following definitions apply to rules 661—277.1(100C) through 661—277.11(100C):

*“Alarm system”* means a system or portion of a combination system that consists of components and circuits hardwired or wireless arranged to monitor and annunciate the status of a fire alarm, security alarm, or medical alarm or supervisory signal-initiating devices and to initiate the appropriate response to those signals, but does not mean any such security system or portion of a combination system installed in a prison, jail, or detention facility owned by the state, a political subdivision of the state, the department of human services, or the Iowa veterans home.

*“Alarm system components”* means the portion of an alarm system installation limited to mounting alarm system raceways, boxes or system devices, and pulling of system cable, not including final termination at an alarm panel or final connection of the alarm system or alarm system testing.

*“Alarm system contractor”* or *“contractor”* means a person engaging in or representing oneself to the public as engaging in the activity or business of layout, installation, repair, alteration, addition, maintenance, or maintenance inspection of alarm systems in this state.

*“Alarm system technician”* or *“technician”* means a person who is engaged in the layout, installation, repair, alteration, addition, testing, or maintenance of alarm systems and who is licensed under the provisions of this chapter to perform work authorized by that license and any endorsement pertaining thereto. An alarm system technician shall be an employee of an alarm system contractor or, if employed by anyone other than an alarm system contractor, shall perform work requiring licensing as an alarm system technician only on property owned or occupied by such employer and may obtain a license if the employer is not a licensed contractor.

*“Alarm system technician trainee”* means a person who is engaged in the layout, installation, repair, alteration, addition, or maintenance of alarm systems under the direct supervision of a responsible managing employee or licensed alarm system technician.

*“Alarm system maintenance inspection technician”* means an employee of an alarm system contractor who is engaged in maintenance inspection of fire alarm, nurse call, or security alarm systems.

*“ Dwelling alarm system ”* means a system or portion of a combination system that consists of components and circuits hardwired or wireless arranged to monitor and annunciate the status of a fire alarm, nurse call or security alarm or supervisory signal-initiating devices and to initiate the appropriate response to those signals, installed in a single-family dwelling or a single dwelling unit of a multifamily residential building and not interconnected with another dwelling alarm system. A dwelling alarm system does not mean single-station or multiple-station alarms installed in dwelling units.

*“Fire alarm system”* means a system or portion of a combination system that consists of components and circuits hardwired or wireless arranged to monitor and annunciate the status of a fire alarm or supervisory signal-initiating devices and to initiate the appropriate response to those signals that serves the general fire alarm needs of a building or buildings and that provides fire department or occupant notification or both. A fire alarm system does not mean single-station or multiple-station alarms installed in dwelling units.

*“Installation”* means hanging electrical conduits, raceways or boxes; mounting system devices; pulling system cable; activating system-initiating devices and system control units or verifying system operations to meet specifications; and performing system acceptance testing.

*“Layout”* means drawings, calculations and component specifications to achieve the specified system design installation. “Layout” does not include design.

*“Listed”* means equipment, materials, or services included in a list published by a nationally recognized independent testing organization that is concerned with evaluation of products or services, that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services, and whose listing states that either the equipment, material, or service meets appropriate designated standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

*“Maintenance inspection”* means periodic inspection and certification completed by an alarm system contractor or technician. For purposes of this chapter, “maintenance inspection” does not include an inspection completed by a building official or fire inspector when acting in an official capacity, or an insurance inspector employed by an insurance company licensed to do business in Iowa.

“*Nurse call system*” means a nurse call system or portion of a combination system that consists of components and circuits hardwired or wireless arranged to monitor and annunciate the status of a nurse call system or supervisory signal-initiating devices and to initiate the appropriate response to those signals, installed in a facility required to be licensed or certified by the state pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 125, 135B, 135C, 135G, 135H, 135J, 231C, or 231D, or installed in a facility operating pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 218, 219, 223, 225, 233A, or 233B, to initiate response of on-site medical care providers.

“*Offense directly relates*” refers to either of the following:

1. The actions taken in furtherance of an offense are actions customarily performed within the scope of practice of a licensed profession.
2. The circumstances under which an offense was committed are circumstances customary to a licensed profession.

“*Responsible managing employee*” means an owner, partner, officer, or manager employed full-time by an alarm system contractor who is designated as a responsible managing employee for an alarm system contractor and who meets the requirements for a responsible managing employee established in rule 661—277.3(100C).

“*Security alarm system*” means a system or portion of a combination system that consists of components and circuits hardwired or wireless arranged to monitor and annunciate the status of a security alarm or supervisory signal-initiating devices and to initiate the appropriate response to those signals, installed in a building or facility to detect unauthorized entry into a building or portion of a building and to notify security personnel or building occupants or both.

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