



## Fire Prevention Information Bulletin

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### USE OF REMOTE RESET DEVICES

Fire Prevention does not permit the use of remote reset devices that are not ULC Listed and certified for use by Underwriters Laboratory of Canada Inc. for the purpose of testing and inspecting a fire alarm system.

The remote reset devices being referred to are typically built by the fire safety company using it and not provided by the manufacturer of the fire alarm system. They are used to eliminate the need for more than one fire alarm technician during testing and inspection of fire alarm systems. The device is used to reset the panel subsequent to the activation of field devices for testing.

The assembly of the device is not regulated and the AHJ cannot regulate how the device is being used; therefore, we are prohibiting the use of the device for inspection and testing of a fire alarm system. The Manitoba Fire Code requires that fire alarm systems and control panels are inspected and tested in conformance with CAN/ULC-S536 Standard for Inspection and Testing of Fire Alarm Systems and to the manufacturers' design and specifications. As the Authority Having Jurisdiction; we assert that a device that is not approved by the manufacturer for use in testing and inspecting the fire alarm system and control panel is not permitted.

Additionally, safety concerns have been identified regarding unsupervised, open control panels which are in contravention of the Winnipeg Electrical By-law / Canadian Electrical Code. Rule 2-200 General of the CEC states that: *"Electrical equipment shall be installed and **guarded** so that adequate provision is made for the safety of persons and property and for the protection of the electrical equipment from **mechanical or other damage to which it is liable to be exposed.**"*

The use of an uncertified reset device for testing a fire alarm system may result in prosecution.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and for preserving professional and reliable services to your customers.

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