

Historic Cinema

A Cinema located in a 'listed' historic building required a fire alarm system to be installed without disrupting the normal operation of the cinema and damaging the fabric of the building.



Problems

- All installation work had to be carried out between midnight and 9.00am
- Installation work and materials were not to be visible in public areas
- A very short timescale for project completion was required
- The internal fabric of the building had to be protected due to its historic nature

Solution

The property management department of this national cinema group had investigated traditional hard-wired fire alarm systems. The labour costs quoted were very high due to the nighttime working and the extra works required to accommodate the sensitive installation in the historic building. They had also been quoted 13 weeks for the project, and from experience were not convinced this was achievable due to unplanned problems and project overruns typical of these types of installations.

EMS was approached and following in-depth presentations and discussions were awarded the contract.

A 5000 FirePoint radio analogue addressable fire alarm system was installed in just eight working days, whilst still meeting the demanding requirements and working hours required by the cinema.

The system consisted of two networked controller panels plus devices and four radio text message pagers.

The speed and success of the project so impressed the property management team that they have subsequently installed a further sixteen systems within the group.

These have not just been in other historic cinemas but also in a wide range of other public entertainment venues including new multiplex cinema developments and theatres.