

1 **FLORIDA ALARM CONTRACTOR
ALARM CONTRACTING LAW**
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Section 1

2 **FLORIDA STATUTES**

Statutes are STATE LAWS enacted by the Legislature of the state and are superior to any state agency regulations, Local Laws and local regulations.

Alarm systems and contractors in Florida are primarily covered by Chapter 489 part II and Chapter 633 of Florida Statutes.

Chapter 489 governs the licensing requirement for individuals and companies that wish to perform alarm work within Florida.

If the job is in Florida, the installing, servicing and monitoring contractors must have Florida Contractor licenses even if they are based in another state.

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• **489.532 Contracts performed by unlicensed contractors unenforceable.**--As a matter of public policy, contracts entered into on or after October 1, 1990, and performed in full or in part by any contractor who fails to obtain or maintain his or her license in accordance with this part shall be unenforceable in law, and the court in its discretion may extend this provision to equitable remedies.

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- **489.533 Disciplinary proceedings.**-- (excerpts)
- (1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for disciplinary actions as provided in subsection (2):
- (f) Committing fraud or deceit, or negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of electrical or alarm system contracting.
- (g) Violating chapter 633 or the rules of the State Fire Marshal.
- (i) Violating the applicable building codes or laws of the state or any municipality or county thereof.

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- **489.505 Definitions.**--As used in this part:
- (1) "Alarm system" means any electrical device, signaling device, or combination of electrical devices used to signal or detect a burglary, fire, robbery, or medical emergency.
- (2) "Alarm system contractor" means a person whose business includes the execution of contracts requiring the ability, experience, science, knowledge, and skill to lay out, fabricate, install, maintain, alter, repair, monitor, inspect, replace, or service alarm systems for compensation, including, but not limited to, all types of alarm systems for all purposes.

6 **FASA is REQUIRED**

during the first 90 days of employment

- **489.505 Definitions.**--As used in this part:
- (28) "Fire alarm system agent" means a person:
- (a) Who is employed by a licensed fire alarm contractor or certified unlimited electrical contractor;
- (b) Who is performing duties which are an element of an activity that constitutes fire alarm system contracting requiring certification under this part; and
- (c) Whose specific duties include any of the following: altering, installing, maintaining, moving, repairing, replacing, servicing, selling onsite, or monitoring a fire alarm system for compensation.

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Fire Alarm System Agents require a 14 hour ECLB approved class for the initial FASA ID card.
Fire Alarm System Agents cards must be renewed every two years. Renewal requires taking an ECLB approved 6 hour FASA renewal course.

Fire Alarm System Agents ID card must be in a board approved format and are issued for 1 company only

A separate Agent badge must be issued for employment with additional companies.

Fire Alarm System Agent ID Cards are the property of the alarm company and must be turned in on demand.

A Fingerprint check with FDLE is required.

Compliance with Drug Free Workplace is generally required

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Burglar Alarm System Agents require a 14 hour ECLB approved class for the initial BASA ID card.

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Florida Statute 489 Part II

- FS 489.529 Alarm Verification Calls Required

- All burglar alarms, whether they are residential or commercial must have a verification call made to the premises (AS OF 1/1/97)

Exception: If the central station is equipped with audio or video verification equipment a call is not required

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Florida Statute 489 Part II

- FS 489.530 Audible Alarms

- Every security alarm must automatically shut off after fifteen minutes

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Florida Statute 633

State of Florida

Division of State Fire Marshal

Uniform Fire Safety

Rules and Standards

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FLORIDA STATUTE 633.025

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FLORIDA STATUTE 633.022 (1)

UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS

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633.701 Requirements for fire alarm system equipment

15 633.701 Requirements for fire alarm system equipment

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- Example of Fire Tag required under the Rule 69A-48
- Original on all new installations
- Must be replaced each time the alarm is serviced, tested, repaired, improved, or inspected.

17 633.702 Prohibited acts regarding alarm system contractors or certified unlimited electrical contractors; penalties.--

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19 **CODES**

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The primary CODES related to Fire Alarms;

NFPA 101 - The Life Safety Code – tells us if alarms are required in different occupancies

NFPA 72 - The Fire Alarm Code – tells us the installation standards for a Fire Alarm System.

NFPA 70 - The Electrical Code – tells us the requirements for wiring a Fire Alarm System.

21 **NFPA STANDARDS**

- Difference between “should” and “shall”
- SHALL = Must Be Done
- SHOULD = Must Be Done unless you have a valid reason for not doing it.

Olin's Law

22 **FIRE ALARM RELATED CODES**

23 *NFPA 101, The Life Safety Code*

- Determines the various occupancy classes for structures
- Specifies when a Fire Alarm System is required in a particular occupancy
- References many other codes which must be followed to achieve compliance
(NFPA 72, 70, 13 etc)

24 **Life Safety Code**

- **NFPA 101 (2000)**
 - Each occupancy chapter has the requirements for “*Detection, Alarm, and Communication Systems*” outlined in this section.
- **XX = chapter number**

- XX.3.4 Detection, Alarm, and Communications Systems.
- XX.3.4.1 General.
- XX.3.4.2 Initiation.
- XX.3.4.3 Notification.
- XX.3.4.4 Emergency Forces Notification
- XX.3.4.5 Emergency Control
- XX.3.5 Extinguishment Requirements (Sprinklers, Extinguishers, etc)

25 **NFPA 101, The Life Safety Code** (2000) Chapter 9 Building Services and Fire Protection Equipment

- 9.6.1.4
- A fire alarm system required for life safety shall be installed, tested, and maintained in accordance with the applicable requirements of NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, and NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code, unless an existing installation, which shall be permitted to be continued in use, subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.
- 9.6.1.5
- All systems and components shall be approved for the purpose for which they are installed.
- 9.6.1.6
- Fire alarm system installation wiring or other transmission paths shall be monitored for integrity in accordance with 9.6.1.4.
- 9.6.1.8*
- Where a required fire alarm system is out of service for more than 4 hours in a 24-hour period, the authority having jurisdiction shall be notified, and the building shall be evacuated or an approved fire watch shall be provided for all parties left unprotected by the shutdown until the fire alarm system has been returned to service.

26 **Life Safety Code--NFPA 101**

- How do you determine what the appropriate alarm requirements are?
 - Six basic steps
 - What is the main occupancy classification?
 - Minimum or Uniform Code
 - Is this a NEW or EXISTING occupancy?
 - What edition of NFPA 101 is in effect for the building?
 - Is NFPA 101 modified by another law or rule?
 - Using the above information and Section 3.4 of the applicable occupancy chapter of NFPA 101 you should be able to determine the requirements for a Fire Alarm.

27 **NFPA 72**
National Fire Alarm Code

28 **2005 CHANGES IN F.S.489**

PART II

- 1489.537 Application of this part.--
- (3) Nothing in this act limits the power of a municipality or county:
- (a) To regulate the quality and character of work performed by contractors through a system of permits, fees, and inspections which is designed to secure compliance with, and aid in the implementation of, state and local building laws or to enforce other local laws for the protection of the public health and safety. **However, a certified alarm system contractor or certified electrical contractor is not subject to any additional certification or licensure requirements that are not required by this part.**

29 **2005 CHANGES IN F.S. 633**

- **Section 31. Subsection (4) is added to section 633.702, Florida Statutes, to read:**
- **633.702 Prohibited acts regarding alarm system contractors or certified unlimited electrical contractors: penalties.--**
- (4) It is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for any person to intentionally or willfully install, service, test, repair, improve, or inspect a fire alarm system unless:**
- (a) The person is the holder of a valid and current active license as a certified unlimited electrical contractor, as defined in part II of chapter 489;**
- (b) The person is the holder of a valid and current active license as a licensed fire alarm contractor, as defined in part II of chapter 489;**
- (c) The person is authorized to act as a fire alarm system agent under s. 489.5185; or**
- (d) The person is exempt under s. 489.503.**

- 30 **FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**
- The Florida Administrative Code is the body of rules promulgated by the regulatory boards of each profession
 - The Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board has promulgated the following rules under FAC 61G6 to clarify the existing Florida statutes
- 31 **61G6-6.001 Certification Examination Requirements.**
- (1) The areas of competency to be covered by the certification examination, and the approximate percentage of questions in each area, shall be as follows:
 - Technical knowledge, 60%; General Business knowledge, 33%; and Safety knowledge, 7%.
 - (2) The examination shall be open book. The applicant is responsible for bringing and may use during the examination the applicable code books, reference materials and calculators as approved by the Board. Security measures as set forth by the Department shall be followed during the examination.
- 32 **(3) The following certification examinations are offered:**
- (a) Unlimited Electrical Contractor.
 - (b) Residential Electrical Contractor.
 - (c) Alarm Systems Contractor I.
 - (d) Alarm Systems Contractor II.
 - (e) Limited Energy Contractor.
 - (f) Sign Specialty Contractor.
 - (g) Lighting Maintenance Contractor.
 - (h) Utility Electrical Line Contractor.
- 33 **EXAMINATION SCORING**
- (4) An applicant shall be required to achieve a score of a general average of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) on each of the two parts in order to pass the examination and be certified for licensure. When a cut off score contains a fraction of a percentage point of one-half (.5) or higher that score will be raised to the next highest whole number. When a cut off score contains a fraction of a percentage point of less than one-half (.5) that score will be lowered to the next lowest whole number. There shall not be apractical or clinical examination.
- 34 **61G6-6.015 Alarm System Contractor Examination.**
- The certification examinations for those persons desiring to be licensed as alarm system contractors pursuant to Section 489.505(2), F.S., shall consist of the same areas of competency and be graded in the same manner as the certification examination for electrical contractors, except that the technical portion of the examination shall relate only to alarm contracting.
 - There shall be a separate examination for alarm system contracting I and II.
- 35 **61G6-9.003 Definitions.**
- When used in this rule, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - (1) "Board" means the Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board.
 - (2) "Course" means any course, seminar or other program of instruction which has been approved by the Board for the purpose of complying with the continuing education requirements for electrical and alarm contractors.
 - (3) "Classroom Hour" means fifty minutes of instruction, exclusive of breaks, recesses, or other time not spent in instruction.
 - (4) "Course Provider" means the person or legal entity who is registered pursuant to this rule chapter and who is responsible for conducting a course approved pursuant to this rule chapter, maintaining records of those in attendance for four years.
 - The course provider is responsible for maintaining records.
- 36 **DEFINITIONS CON'T**
- (5) "Person" means any natural person and does not include any corporation, partnership or other type of legal entity.
 - (6) "Home-Study Course" means a continuing education course approved pursuant to this rule chapter, that is offered as a correspondence course and requires a multiple-choice test at the end of the session with a minimum passing score of 75%.
 - (7) "Interactive Distance Education Course" means a continuing education course, the delivery of which is done via the internet and/or other interactive electronic media. Such offerings or courses shall be interactive, providing for the interchange of information between the student,

the teacher, and shall provide for registration, evaluation, monitoring, and verification of continuing education, as well as require a multiple-choice test at the end of the session with a minimum passing score of 75%.

- (8) "Interactive Distance Education Hour" means fifty minutes of approved instruction presented in an interactive distance education setting, exclusive of any breaks, recesses, or other time not spent in instruction.

37 **61G6-9.004 Continuing Education Requirements for Renewal for Certificateholders and Registrants.**

- (1) Each person who is certified or registered by the Board must, as a condition of each renewal of the certificate or registration, provide proof of completion of at least 14 classroom hours of continuing education in one or more courses approved by the Board.
- (2) A person who holds more than one certificate or registration issued by the Board is required to complete the continuing education requirements only once during each biennial period. Proof of completion by any such person must be submitted with each renewal application.
- (3) A person certified or registered by the Board who is also certified under Chapter 468, Part XII, F.S., as a building official, inspector, or plans examiner shall be required to complete the continuing education requirements only once during each biennial period.
- (4) A person initially licensed 12 or more months prior to the end of a biennial period is required to complete 7 hours of continuing education as a condition of renewal. A person initially licensed for less than 12 months prior to the end of a biennial period need not complete any continuing education as a condition of renewal.

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- (5) A licensee may obtain a maximum of 7 hours of continuing education credits by taking a home study course. A minimum passing score of 75% must be obtained to receive the required CE credits.
- (6) A minimum of one of the 14 required classroom hours of continuing education must be obtained by completing an approved provider's specialized or advanced module course, approved by the Florida Building Commission, on any portion of the Florida Building Code, relating to the contractor's respective discipline.
- (7) During any biennial period, a licensee may obtain credit for taking a particular approved continuing education course only once.

39 **61G6-9.007 Qualifications of Course Instructors.**

- (1) All course instructors shall be qualified, by education or experience, to teach the course, or parts of a course, to which the instructor is assigned.
- (2) Any person with a four year college degree or graduate degree is qualified to teach any course in their field of study.
- (3) Any certified or registered contractor with at least five years experience may teach any technical course regarding contracting within the scope of the contractor's license.
- (4) A course provider may request approval by the Board regarding the qualifications of a particular instructor for a particular course.
- (5) A qualified course instructor may count the assigned credit hours of a course taught toward the required fourteen (14) hours of biennial continuing education credit for the biennium in which the course was taught. A maximum of seven (7) hours per biennium may be awarded under this subsection.

40 **61G6-9.0105 Proof of Completion by Certification Holders and Registrants.**

- Proof of completion of the continuing education requirements shall be submitted by the certificate holder or registrant with his or her renewal application on Form BPR/ECLB.CERT.COMP. 5/99, which is hereby incorporated by reference, effective 9-23-99, copy of which may be obtained from the Board office.

41 **61G-10.002 Violations and Penalties.**

- In imposing disciplinary penalties upon licensees, the board shall act in accordance with the following disciplinary guidelines and shall impose a penalty corresponding to the violations set forth below absent aggravating and mitigating circumstances and subject to the other provisions of Chapters 455 and 489, Part II, F.S.: The cited statutory language is intended to provide a description of the violation and is not a complete statement of the violation; the complete statement may be found in the statutory provision cited following the violation description.
- (1) Violation of Chapter 455, F.S. (Section 489.533(1)(a), F.S.). Penalty within ranges prescribed by Section 455.227, F.S., unless otherwise prescribed herein.
- (a) Making misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representations in or related to the practice of the licensee's profession (Section 455.227(1)(a), F.S.). First violation: \$1,000 to \$3,000 fine or probation, suspension, revocation and fine; repeat violation: revocation and \$5,000 fine.
- (b) Having been found liable in a civil proceeding for knowingly filing a false report or complaint with the department against another licensee (Section 455.227(1)(g), F.S.). First violation: \$1,000 to \$3,000 fine or probation, suspension, revocation and fine; repeat violation: \$5,000 fine and revocation.

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- (c) Failing to report to the department any person who the licensee knows is in violation of this part, the chapter regulating the alleged violator, or the rules of the department or the board (Section 455.227(1)(l), F.S.). First violation: \$500 fine to probation and fine; repeat violation: \$750 to \$1,500 fine and probation or suspension.
- (d) Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation placed upon the licensee (Section 455.227(1)(k), F.S.). First violation: \$500 to \$1,000 fine to probation or suspension and fine; repeat violation: \$1,500 to \$3,000 fine and probation, suspension, or revocation.
- (e) Making deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in or related to the practice of a profession or employing a trick or scheme in or related to the practice of a profession (Section 455.227(1)(m), F.S.). First violation: \$500 to \$2,000 fine to probation, suspension, or revocation and fine; repeat violation: \$2,000 to \$5,000 fine and revocation.
- (f) Practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope permitted by law or accepting and performing professional responsibilities the licensee knows, or has reason to know, the licensee is not competent to perform (Section 455.227(1)(o), F.S.). First violation: \$250 to \$750 fine to probation and fine; repeat violation: \$750 to \$1,500 fine and probation, suspension, or revocation.

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- (g) Delegating or contracting for the performance of professional responsibilities by a person when the licensee delegating or contracting knows, or has reason to know, such person is not qualified by training, experience, and authorization when required to perform them (Section 455.227(1)(p), F.S.). First violation: \$250 to \$1,000 fine to probation and fine; repeat violation: \$1,000 to \$2,500 fine and probation, suspension, or revocation.
- (h) Failing to comply with a lawful order of the department or the board, or failing to comply with a lawfully issued subpoena of the department (Section 455.227(1)(q), F.S.). First violation: \$500 to \$1,500 fine to probation or suspension and fine; repeat violation: \$2,000 to \$5,000 fine and probation, suspension, or revocation.
- (l) Improperly interfering with an investigation or inspection authorized by statute, or with any disciplinary proceeding (Section 455.227(1)(r), F.S.). First violation: \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine to probation and fine, suspension, or revocation; repeat violation: \$5,000 fine and revocation.

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- (2) Attempting to obtain licensure by bribery or fraudulent or willful misrepresentation (Section 489.533(1)(b), F.S.). First violation: \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine and denial or revocation of licensure.
- (3) Disciplinary action taken against license by another jurisdiction (Section 489.533(1)(c), F.S.). Imposition of discipline, comparable to that imposed by other jurisdiction, or the penalty listed herein for the violation most closely resembling the act underlying the original discipline.
- (4) Crime directly related to practice (Section 489.533(1)(d), F.S.). Probation to denial or revocation of licensure depending upon the seriousness of the crime.
- (5) Failing to file a report or filing a false report (Section 489.533(1)(e), F.S.). First violation: \$250 to \$750 fine to probation or suspension and fine; repeat violation: \$750 to \$1,500 fine and probation, suspension or revocation.
- (6) Fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetence, or misconduct (Section 489.533(1)(f), F.S.).
- (a) Fraud or deceit: First violation: \$500 to \$2,500 fine and probation to suspension and fine; repeat violation: \$2,500 to \$5,000 fine and probation, suspension, or revocation.
- (b) Negligence, incompetence, or misconduct: First violation: \$500 to \$1,500 fine to probation or suspension and fine; repeat violation: \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine and probation, suspension, or revocation.

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- (7) Violation of Chapter 633, F.S. (Section 489.533(1)(g), F.S.). First violation: \$500 to \$1,500 fine to probation and fine or denial of licensure; repeat violation: \$1,500 to \$2,500 fine and probation, suspension or revocation.
- (8) Practicing on an inactive, delinquent, suspended, or revoked license (Section 489.533(1)(h), F.S.).
- (a) Inactive license: First violation: \$100 fine for each month license is inactive up to \$1,000; repeat violation: \$200 fine for each month license is inactive up to \$2,000 fine and probation, suspension or revocation.
- (b) Suspended license: First violation: \$1,000 fine and one (1) year probation or additional suspension; repeat violation: \$2,000 fine and revocation.
- (c) Revoked license: Referral to the State Attorney and denial of application for licensure for two (2) to three (3) years.
- (d) Delinquent license: Notice of Non-compliance or citation; repeat violation: \$500 to \$1,500 fine and probation, suspension or revocation.
- (9) Willful violation or disregard of applicable building codes or laws (Section 489.533(1)(i), F.S.). First violation: Reprimand and \$500 to \$1,250 fine and one (1) year suspension followed by one (1) year probation depending upon seriousness of violation; repeat violation: \$1,250 to \$5,000 fine and probation, suspension or revocation.

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- (10) Any act assisting unlicensed activity (Section 489.533(1)(j), F.S.). First violation: \$1,000 fine to one (1) year suspension followed by one (1) year probation and fine; repeat violation: \$2,500 to \$5,000 fine and probation, suspension, or revocation.
- (11) Aiding unlicensed practice by combining and conspiring (Section 489.533(1)(k), F.S.). First violation: \$1,500 to \$2,500 fine to one (1) year suspension followed by one (1) year probation and fine; repeat violation: \$2,500 to \$5,000 fine and suspension or revocation.
- (12) Acting in a name not on the licenses (Section 489.533(1)(l), F.S.). First violation: Notice of non-compliance or citation; repeat violation: Reprimand and \$500 to \$1,000 fine to one (1) year suspension and fine followed by probation.
- (13) Financial mismanagement (Section 489.533(1)(m), F.S.). First violation: \$500 to \$1,500 fine to one (1) year suspension and fine followed by one (1) year probation; repeat violation: \$1,500 to \$5,000 fine and probation, suspension or revocation.
- (14) Discipline by municipality or county (Section 489.533(1)(n), F.S.). Use penalty for violation most closely approximating act underlying local discipline.

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- (15) Failure to comply with Chapter 489, Part II, F.S., (Section 489.533(1)(o), F.S.):
- (a) Failure to maintain public liability insurance as required (Section 489.515, F.S.). First violation: \$500 to \$750 fine; repeat violation: \$750 to \$2,500 fine to probation, suspension or revocation.
- (b) Failure to maintain workers' compensation insurance, or an exemption, as required (Section 489.510, F.S.). First violation: \$500 to \$1,000 fine to probation, suspension or revocation; repeat violation: \$1,000 to \$2,500 fine and probation, suspension or revocation.
- (c) Failure to obtain continuing education credits as required (Section 489.517, F.S.). First violation: \$250 to \$500 fine; repeat violation: \$500 to \$1,000 fine and 14 additional hours of continuing education.
- (d) Failure to provide required proof of public liability insurance, required proof of workers' compensation insurance or an exemption, or required proof of continuing education in response to an audit request by the Board (Rules 61G6-5.008 and 61G6-9.011, F.A.C.). First violation: \$500 fine for each requirement to probation and fine or suspension; repeat violation: \$750 to \$1,000 fine and probation or suspension.
- (e) Failure to respond to request to submit any proof of continuing education liability or workers' compensation insurance.
- (f) Failure to supervise (Section 489.522(1), F.S.). First violation: \$250 to \$1,000 fine to probation and fine; repeat violation: \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine and probation, suspension or revocation.
- (g) Employing a burglar alarm system agent in violation of Section 489.518, F.S., or employing a fire alarm system agent in violation of Section 489.5185, F.S. First violation: \$500 to \$1,000 fine plus proof of compliance; repeat violation: \$1,000 to \$2,500 fine plus probation or suspension and proof of compliance.

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- (16) Abandonment (Section 489.533(1)(p), F.S.). First violation: \$500 to \$2,000 fine to one (1) year probation and fine or suspension; repeat violation: \$5,000 fine and revocation.
- (17) Failure to affix a registration or certification number (Section 489.533(1)(q), F.S.). First violation: \$100 fine; repeat violation: \$300 to \$500 fine.
- (18) Failure to obtain building permit or inspections (Section 489.533(1)(r), F.S.). First violation: \$100 to \$1,500 fine; repeat violation: \$500 to \$2,500 fine to probation and fine, suspension or revocation. Penalties imposed shall depend upon whether the permit or inspection was obtained late or not obtained at all.
- (19) Practicing beyond the scope of a certification or registration (Section 489.533(1)(s), F.S.):
- (a) Geographical scope of licensure violation. First violation: Notice of non-compliance or citation; repeat violation: \$1,500 to \$2,500 fine to probation and fine, suspension or revocation.
- (b) Occupational scope of licensure violation. First violation: \$1,000 to \$2,500 fine to probation and fine; repeat violation: \$1,000 to \$2,500 fine and probation, suspension or revocation.

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- (20) Failure to notify the board of changes in name style or address of record (Section 455.275, F.S.; Rule 61G6-5.012, F.A.C.). First violation: \$250 to \$500 fine; repeat violation: \$500 to \$1,000 fine to probation and fine or suspension.
- (21) The absence of a guideline penalty from this rule for a violation of Chapter 489, Part II, F.S., or the rules promulgated thereto, shall be construed as an oversight and not as an indication that no penalty is to be assessed. Where no penalty is specified, the guideline penalty for the violation most closely approximating the offense shall apply.
- (1) The Board shall deny certification or registration to a contractor who violates any of the provisions of Section 489, Part II, F.S.
- (2) The Board shall not reinstate the certification or registration, nor issue a new certification or registration, of any contractor whose license has been suspended unless proof is shown that all requirements (including fines) imposed in any final order against the contractor have been met.

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- (3)(a) The Board shall not re-license a contractor whose certification or registration has been revoked unless proof is shown that all requirements (including fines) imposed in any final order against the contractor have been met.
- (b) The Board shall not re-license a contractor whose certificate has been revoked unless he passes the current licensing examination and meets all other requirements for certification.
- (c) The Board shall not accept for registration the license of an individual whose license it previously revoked unless the jurisdiction requesting registration requires the individual to meet all current requirements to demonstrate competency, including examination, if required of other new registrants.
- (d) Any person who voluntarily relinquishes his license for any reason must appear before the Board and meet current licensing requirements prior to being allowed to seek recertification through the examination or registration in a jurisdiction.

51 **61G6-10.007 Probation.**

- All probation imposed by the Board for violations of Sections 489.531 and 489.533, F.S., shall require the probationer to file with the Board, quarterly reports every ninety (90) days from the date of the final order entered by the Board. The quarterly reports must be filed using DBPR/ECLB 4458 Rev. 11-7-03, titled Probation and Quarterly Report Form, which is hereby incorporated by reference and will be effective 11-7-03, copies of which may be obtained from the Board Office.

52 **61G6-12.0015 Requirements for Burglar Alarm System Agent Identification Card.**

- After the completion of the course outlined in Rule 61G6-12.001, F.A.C., the licensee shall issue identification cards to each of the alarm system agents. The card shall be at least 3 1/4 x 2 1/4 inches in size. The card shall contain: 1 x 1 1/4 inch full face picture of the alarm system agent; name of the holder of the card; name and license number of the unlimited electrical contractor or licensed alarm system contractor; name and address of the business organization; signature of the contractor and the card holder; and issue date and expiration date of the card. The expiration date must be within 2 years of the issue date. The identification card must be in the possession of the burglar alarm system agent while engaged in all burglar alarm system agent duties.

53 **The card shall be issued in the following format:**

- BASA

54 **61G6-12.0016 Continuing Education Requirements for Burglar Alarm System Agents.**

- Each burglar alarm system agent must attend 6 hours of Board-approved continuing education on burglar alarm system installation and repair and false alarm prevention every 2 years, from a Board-approved sponsor of training and through a Board-approved training course as outlined in Rule 61G6-12.001, F.A.C. The contractor shall reissue an identification card which shall state the bearer of the card has met the 6 hours of continuing education pursuant to Section 489.5185, F.S.

55 **61G6-12.003 Requirements for Fire Alarm System Agent Identification Card.**

- After the completion of the course outlined in Rule 61G6-12.002, F.A.C., the licensee shall issue identification cards to each of the alarm system agents. The card shall be at least 3 1/4 x 2 1/4 inches in

size. The card shall contain: 1 × 1 1/4 inch full face picture of the alarm system agent; name of the holder of the card; name and license number of the unlimited electrical contractor or licensed alarm system contractor; name and address of the business organization; signature of the contractor and the card holder; and issue date and expiration date of the card. The expiration date must be within 2 years of the issue date. The identification card must be in the possession of the fire alarm system agent while engaged in the fire alarm system agent duties.

56 The card shall be issued in the following format:

- FASA

57 **61G6-12.004 Continuing Education Requirements for Fire Alarm System Agents.**

- Each fire alarm system agent must attend 6 hours of Board approved continuing education on fire alarm system installation and repair every 2 years, from a Board approved training sponsor as outlined in Rule Chapter 61G6-12.002, F.A.C. The contractor shall reissue an identification card which shall state the bearer of the card has met the 6 hours of continuing education pursuant to Chapter 489.5185, F.S.

58 **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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