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Quarterly Dispatch

Boyd & Associates Adopts The Alarm Validation Scoring Standard (AVS-01)

Boyd & Associates proudly announces our adoption of the Alarm Validation Scoring Standard (AVS-01), a transformative initiative by The Monitoring Association that refines the accuracy and response times of burglary alarms.

What is AVS-01?

AVS-01 utilizes a priority scoring system that our trained specialists, operating from our UL-certified, on-site Monitoring Center—never from home—use to evaluate alarms. This priority level is communicated to authorities, ensuring they respond swiftly and effectively.

Key Benefits of AVS-01:

- **Faster, More Accurate Responses:** With priority levels clearly defined, authorities can respond more quickly and with greater precision.
- **Detailed Incident Insights:** Provides authorities a better understanding of the situation, allowing for more tailored responses.
- **Enhanced Alarm Credibility:** Reduces false alarms, ensuring serious incidents are given due attention.

Implementation:

Current customers need not take any action. Our in-house specialists have already integrated AVS-01 into our monitoring operations, enhancing the robustness of the security measures protecting your property.

Commitment to Excellence:

The adoption of AVS-01 underscores our commitment to using cutting-edge technology to enhance safety. Operated by dedicated professionals within our secure Monitoring Center, Boyd & Associates remains a leader in reliable home and business security solutions, setting new standards for safety and responsiveness.



UPDATE YOUR CALLOUTS

Has Your Information Changed? Visit our website support tab to update your new contact information. Our Central Station will use this information to notify you or your designated contact in the event of an emergency.

Please allow at least 24 hours for a customer service representative to follow up by phone to verify your identity and confirm changes.



Boyd & Associates has a state-of-the-art central station for monitoring. Sophisticated software and highly trained operators allow us to contact authorities and emergency contacts quickly and efficiently.

Your emergency contacts are stored in our servers, but things change. Phone numbers, neighbors, employees all come and go. To check and make sure your information is current and correct, call us at 1.800.381-BOYD and we will help you make sure this important information is up to date.

Safe Screens:

Setting Security Restrictions on Media This Summer



As summer break approaches, children will likely increase their screen time, which makes setting up security restrictions a necessary step to ensure their online safety. Here's a straightforward guide to safeguarding your children during their digital interactions.

Understanding the Risks

Excessive screen time can expose children to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and online predators. Effective parental oversight and understanding of media risks are crucial in mitigating these exposures.

Types of Media to Monitor

- Streaming Platforms and Social Media: Utilize built-in parental controls to filter out unsuitable content and monitor interactions.
- Video Games: Supervise online activities to prevent exposure to harmful communities and manage in-game purchases.
- Educational Tools: Ensure these are used productively under appropriate guidance.

Setting Up Parental Controls

- Secure Wi-Fi and Devices: Protect your home's Wi-Fi with a strong password and set up parental controls on children's devices to manage usage and access.
- Content Filters and Monitoring: Use software like Net Nanny to block inappropriate content and apps like Qustodio to monitor usage patterns and time spent on devices.

Communicating with Your Children

- Set Clear Guidelines: Discuss online safety, establish usage rules, and explain the reasons behind these rules.
- Encourage Open Dialogue: Regularly talk about their online activities to understand their experiences and adjust rules as needed.

Staying Informed

- Adapt and Learn: Digital trends evolve rapidly. Keep yourself updated with the latest in parental control technology and online safety to effectively adjust your security settings.

Setting up media restrictions is more than just technical; it involves engaging with your child's digital life actively. With clear rules, open communication, and up-to-date knowledge, you can ensure a safe and enjoyable online experience for your children this summer.

Review your digital safety settings this summer, discuss them with your children, and stay proactive about their online interactions. Let's keep the digital world safe and fun for everyone.

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