



## I AM CANCELLING MY PHONE LINE, WILL THIS AFFECT MY ALARM SYSTEM?

As more and more consumers eliminate their traditional phone lines (also known as Plain Old Telephone or POTs lines), the good news is you don't need a phone line to have your alarm system monitored. Vector Security has wireless alarm systems that run on cellular technology. Please [contact us](#) to schedule an appointment for a representative to evaluate your existing system to determine if you'll need to upgrade to a wireless system, or retrofit your existing system, if you do decide to cancel your phone line.

### How Cellular Alarm Systems Work

In the same way your cell phone uses wireless cellular signals to send and receive phone calls and text messages, a wireless alarm system uses the same technology to send signals to our monitoring center, where operators are available 24/7. Although you will likely be using the same cellular provider for your cell phone as for your alarm system, your alarm system does not run using your cell phone.

### What are the Benefits a Wireless Alarm System?

Cellular alarm monitoring has several benefits over POTs monitoring:

**Speed** – Compared to traditional phone lines, cellular technology carries data at faster speeds, which means in an emergency, your signal will travel to our monitoring center at a faster rate.

**Reliability** – Since there are no wires, the threat of burglars cutting your phone line is eliminated.

Cost – While you may incur an initial expense to upgrade or retrofit your system, you'll be saving money in the long run by eliminating your telephone line.

Mobility – Wireless technology allows for control of your alarm system using your smartphone, tablet or computer, and you can receive real-time email and text alerts for triggers that you specify.

### **Other Things to Consider**

Wireless alarm systems require electrical power to operate. During a power outage, the alarm relies on a backup battery for operation. Backup batteries generally last between 2-4 hours. It's important to check your back-up batteries regularly to ensure there is no lapse in communication; your system will beep a low battery warning to let you know when it's time to change your batteries.

Read our blog article "[No Landline Required for Home Security System Installation](#)" to learn more.