Fire Alarms in School

Fire alarms are loud bells or sirens that tell me that there is a fire nearby and that I need to leave immediately.

I should only set off fire alarms if I know there is a fire nearby.

If I pull a fire alarm and there is no fire, then fire trucks and firemen won’t be able to get to a real emergency somewhere else.

If I pull a fire alarm at school and there is no fire, I will get in trouble.

It is against the law to pull fire alarms when there are no fires, whether I am in school or somewhere else. If I pulled one and there was no fire, I could be arrested.

Sometimes fire alarms go off when there is no fire.

This is called a “fire drill”, and it is planned by school administrators so we can practice how to get out of the building if there is a real fire.

When we have fire drills, an administrator calls the fire department to ask them to set off the alarms. This way, the fire department knows there is no fire, and we're only practicing.

Students do not plan fire drills, so I should only pull fire alarms when there is a fire nearby!