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How to test wireless motion sensor (*my motion sensors don't work*)

Since wireless motion sensors are battery-operated, clever solutions were developed to conserve power and extend the time between battery replacements:

1. The LED doesn't turn on ("blink") every time the device "sees" motion - unless the sensor is in Test mode (See below)
2. The sensor goes into lockout mode for 3-5 minutes (depending on the brand) after it detects motion to prevent continuously sending signals to the panel when people are in the house. (Remember: the sensor doesn't know whether the system is armed, or disarmed. Only the panel does.)

How to test the wireless motion sensor:

There are two types of tests that you should perform:

1. Alarm test: This test will check the signal sent from the motion sensor. First, contact the Monitoring Center to let them know you are testing.

Arm the system to the Away mode & and wait outside of the sensor's coverage area for at least 3-5 minutes (the lockout time). After the expiration of the Entry delay or lockout time, whichever is longer move into the covered area. The alarm will go off instantly or be delayed depending on the sensor's group number.

2. Walk Test: This test is designed to check the motion sensor's coverage. Remove the sensor body from the mounted mounting plate, activate the tamper switch, and then remount the body to activate the 60-second walk test mode. 2. Walk across the coverage pattern to determine the coverage area, indicated by LED activation. Each activation extends the walk test mode for an additional 60 seconds.

Please refer to the sensor installation manual for additional information.