

# Leak Detection – Reducing the Risks of Water Damage Throughout Your Property



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## Topics that will be covered

- Information on water leaks
- The risks of not being protected
- Breakdown of claims related to water damage
  - Types of buildings at risk for leaks and damage
  - **Common sources of water leaks**
- Types of leak detection systems, benefits, and limitations
- Wireless System: Our Trident System
- ROI for a wireless leak detection system
- Deployment examples
- Significance of an approved system
- Use cases

## Why Worry About Leaks?

#1 cause of property loss claims

Frequency of events and claim cost

Larger than fire and theft combined

Average commercial claim is \$90,000

Mold can add 10x the to the claim

Leaks happen 24/7

Gravity is not your friend

Almost EVERY building will have leaks

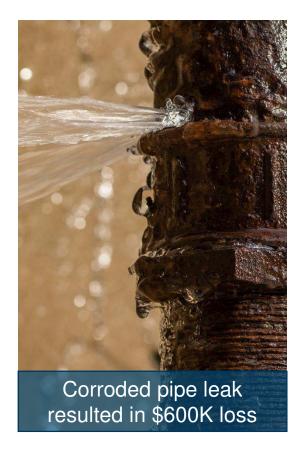


## Responding to a Leak: Doing rounds is not enough

- The longer it takes to discover a leak, the higher the cost
- Bigger cleanup
- Disruption in the workplace
- Increased health risks to tenants
- Waiting until the leak is discovered is not sustainable solution



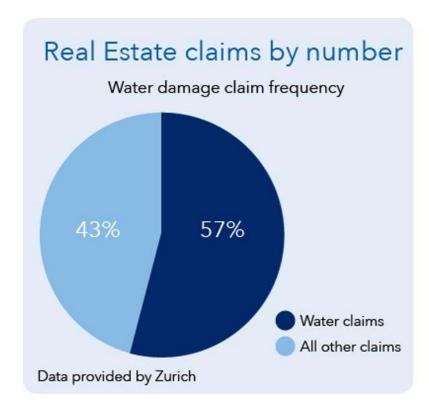
## Do Nothing Examples- Out of Sight, Out of Mind Does Not Work

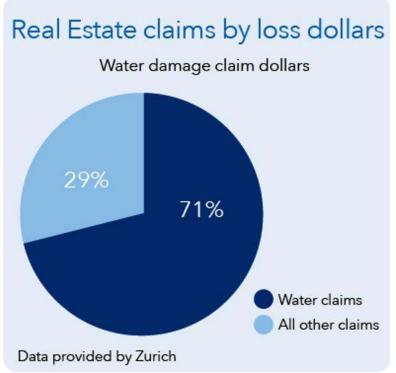




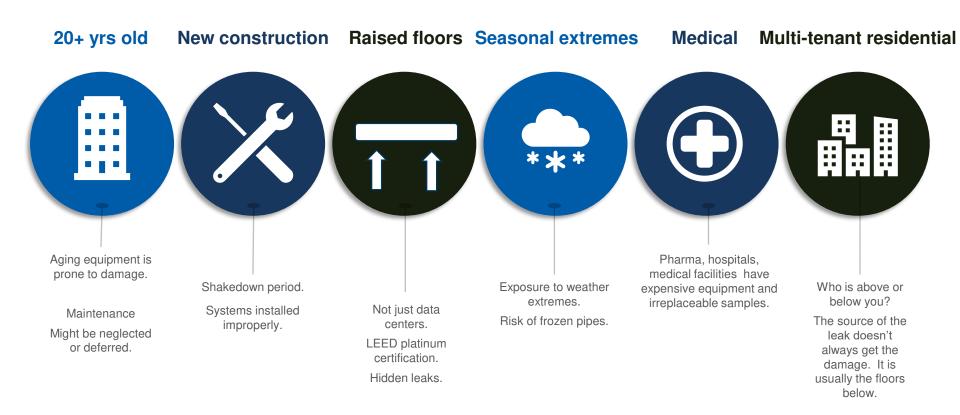


## **Water Damage is Costly**





## **Buildings with Increased Risk for Leaks**



Source: Zurich Insurance, Water Damage Prevention

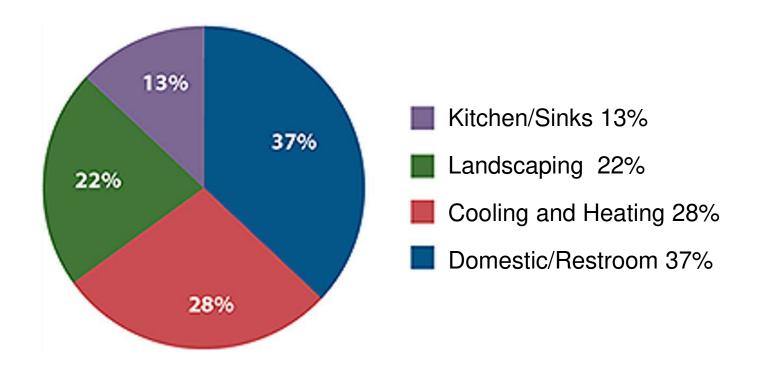
## **Common Water Sources in Commercial Buildings**

- Hot Water Heaters
- Heat Pumps
- Elevator Pits
- Chiller Room
- Pump Room (Domestic, HVAC, Fire, Sump)
- Air Handlers
- Vertical Air Shaft
- Plumbing & Drain Chase
- Electrical MCC Room
- Mechanical Core
- Reheat Circulation Pump
- Sump Pit Overflow
- Tank High Limit Contact
- Server Room
- Sink Cabinet
- Ice Maker
- Coffer Maker



- Floor Drains
- Water Cooler
- Dishwasher
- Toilets/Urinals
- Restroom Sinks
- Drinking Fountains
- Deep Sinks
- Janitor's Closets
- Individual Recurring Water Intrusion Area
- Fire Pre-Action Room
- Shower
- Eye Wash Station
- Fish Tank
- Soda Machine
- Mechanical Clean Out
- Storm Pump
- Fire Sprinkler
- Boiler Room

## **Breakdown: End Uses of Water in Office Buildings**



# Traditional Solutions – Not all Sensors are designed for Commercial Properties

# Screamers – Sensors bought on Amazon

- Inexpensive not commercial grade
- Residential good for your home
- Not connected no data or alert system
- Must be within range to hear



## **Traditional Solutions – Wired Systems**

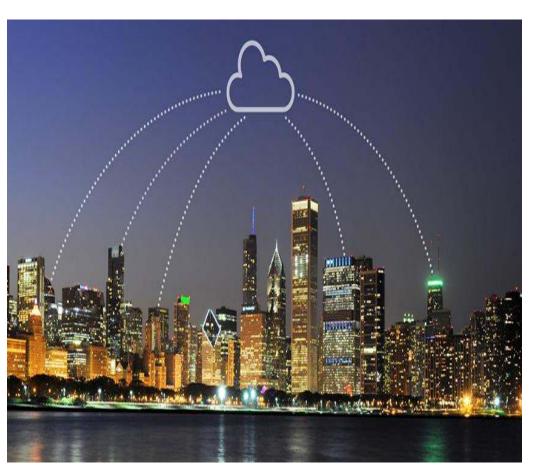
#### Wired System

- Connects to existing BAS
- Expensive to scale and add additional sensors
- Requires an electrician and a controls contractor for wiring and connection
- Hard to reach difficult spots
- Outdated Technology

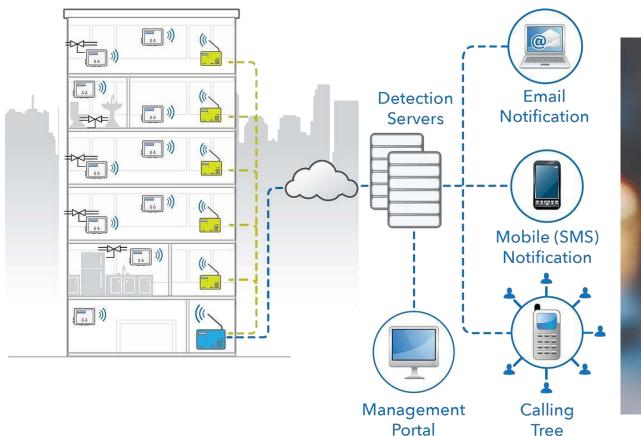


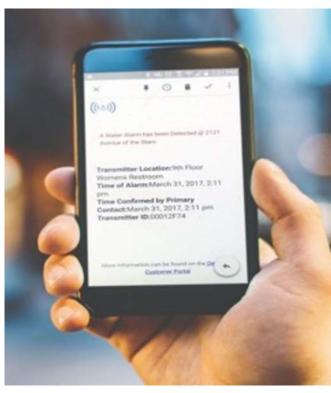
### **Advanced Solution - Wireless Leak Detection**

- loT Cloud- Based Technology
- Scalable
- Advanced notification systems
- Remote support and monitoring
- Data analytics



# The Detection Groups Trident System - How a Wireless System Works





#### **ROI - Reduces Premiums and Deductibles**

- Owners save money on deductibles and lost tenant income.
- Insurance companies damage losses will be reduced leading to lower premiums and deductibles.
- Reduces the risk of making claims and protects deductible reserves
- No claims lead to a continuation of normal rates



#### **ROI – Breakeven after 1 Leak**

Average Leak Costs ~ \$25,000 per floor

Wireless system cost per floor ~ \$2,500

- Sensors
- Backbone
- Analytics
- Alert System

#### 10-story building

- Costs for complete system = ~ \$25,000
- ROI = System pays for itself when it prevents a serious leak



## **ROI Example**



## **Deployment Example – Mechanical Rooms**

 All Mechanical spaces are considered Critical Areas for leaks

- Sensors
- Sensor Cables



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### Application:

 Sensors near the drain



## **Deployment Example – Tenant Space Under Sink**

 Not Critical, but common source of leaks

- Sensors
- Valve controllers
- Valve shutoffs



## **Deployment Example – Ice Machine**

 Not Critical, but common source of leaks

- Sensors
- Sensing Cable



## **Deployment Example – Near the door**

 Not Critical, but common source of leaks

- Sensors
- Restrooms, Utility Closets
- We want to prevent water from getting into common areas



## **Deployment Example – Fire Pumps and Risers**

 Considered a Critical area for leaks

- Sensors
- Sensor Cables



## Use an approved system



"Higher certification standards and product testing mean you'll prevent more losses." – Brian Callori, FM Global Senior VP, Engineering and Research



#### Approval Standard for Liquid Leak Detectors

Class Number 7745

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#### **USE CASE**

- 57 story, 1.3M Square Foot Class A Commercial Property
- 3 Zones that cuts the building into thirds
- ~ 200 sensors deployed in building core areas and ~ 30 valve controllers in tenant spaces
- The property owner has leak detection as a building standard and mandates in lease language
- New Year's Eve ice machine leak detected at 11pm with skeleton crew was able to catch the leak an avoid damage



### **USE CASE**

- 100% raised floor
- Leak detection above and selectively under raised floor
- Automatic shut off valves in all tenant kitchens
- Sensors in break rooms, restrooms, all mechanical.



## **Example – Building Standard Language**

#### WATER SENSORS

Tenant shall install web-enabled wireless water leak sensor devices designed to alert the Tenant on a twenty-four (24) hour seven (7) day per week basis if a water leak is occurring in the Premises. The Water Sensors shall be installed in any areas in the Premises where water is utilized (such as sinks, pipes, faucets, water heaters, coffee machines, ice machines, water dispensers and water fountains), at low points below raised floor, and in locations that may be designated from time to time by Landlord.

REFER TO ARC'S COMMENTS.

## Thank You!

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