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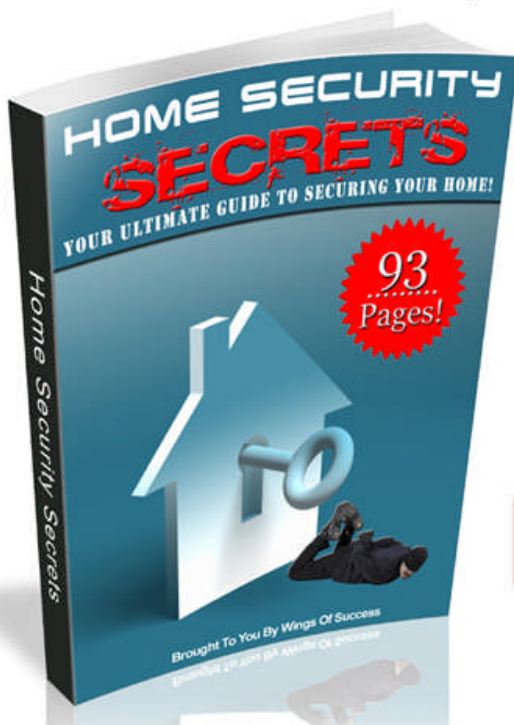
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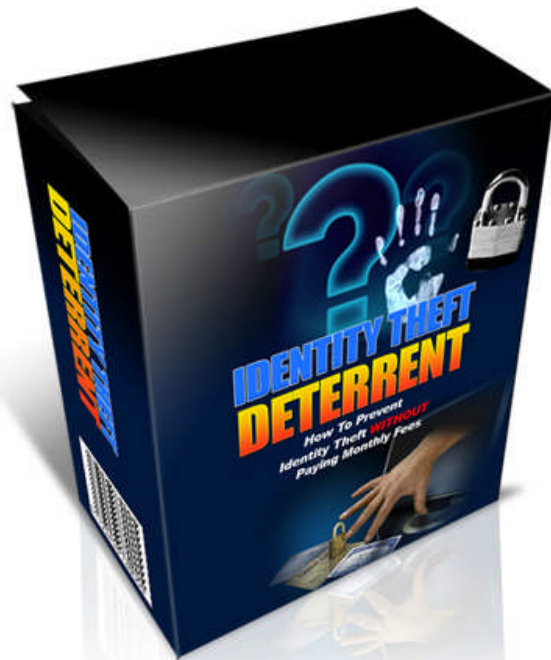




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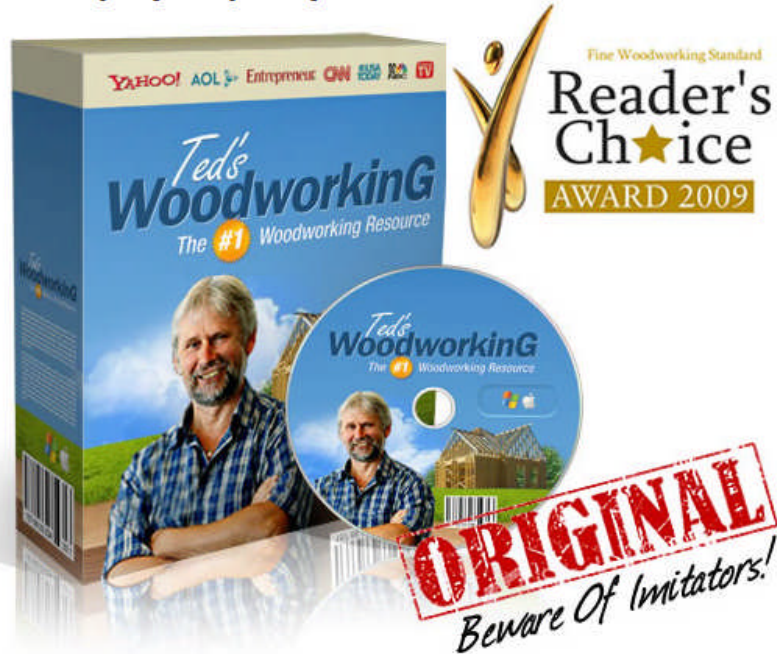
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## Information About Home Security

Most US residents worry about leaving their home unprotected while they work or travel. And if they live in "bad" neighborhoods where crime is frequent, they may even have trouble sleeping. Unfortunately, living in fear isn't that unusual today. Elderly people living alone and latch-key kids at home alone after school are vulnerable and less able to protect themselves. Fear may even drive people to keep guns in their homes, introducing the risk of being injured or killed by your own weapon!

No matter how unrealistic our fears may be, they are based on real events. The daily news is evidence of the danger of becoming a victim of crime, and the proliferation of crime-oriented television shows creates even more concern. Let's face it. People are becoming more cautious these days, and well they should.

Even in sparsely-populated rural areas, people are locking their doors and windows. Children are taught not to open the door to strangers. Dead bolts and chain locks are top sellers. When families leave town for a few days, they stop mail deliveries and ask neighbors to keep an eye out for them. Whole neighborhoods cooperate to establish Neighborhood Watch programs. And many households are equipped with home security devices.

Modern burglars, vandals, and other intruders are smart. They don't enter just any home. They watch and wait for the right opportunity to relieve you of your possessions or deface your property. They do their homework, identifying easy entry points, observing family schedules, and always planning alternative ways to make a fast buck.

Locking your doors and windows just doesn't cut it anymore. Unless your home was constructed using hard, heavy-duty lumber, massive doors, thick unbreakable glass, and double-secure installation, windows and doors might as well be open portals to the experienced intruder. Even those extra-secure features will only serve to slow a burglar down. They may prevent break-ins if your intruder as to make a lot of noise to get in. But is it worth the risk?

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Criminals pay attention to home security systems, too. They know how to disable or avoid them. But a house that's well-equipped with a reliable home security system that combines alarms, motion detectors, and video monitoring is a good, dependable deterrent.

The truth is that even the best home security systems aren't enough alone. Households that contain a lot of valuables, whether they're expensive items or precious family heirlooms with sentimental value, need extra security measures to be secure. A strong fireproof safe is an asset, particularly when you have important papers and cash on hand. And good lighting around the perimeter of your home and yard discourages strangers who don't want to be seen.

Alarms are popular and fairly effective, as most intruders will bolt when that screaming alarm sounds the alert. The better burglar alarm systems include a variety of security measures like motion and sound detectors, multiple control panels, cameras, and remote control keypads. Homeowners who can afford the bells and whistles will find it well worth the investment to get the added protection.

No matter where you live and what your neighborhood is like, you can secure your home from unlawful entry. There isn't a fool-proof security system: criminals are too smart and greedy for that. But if you want to install a reliable system to protect your family and prized possessions, you must make a thorough assessment.

Know what your home's vulnerabilities are and what types of measures will secure those vulnerabilities. If you need electronic equipment, do your research and find out what's most cost-effective and reliable before you make purchases. Consider all your options, including guard dogs or high-protective family pets, to improve home security and protect your family.

You don't have to live in fear or buy a gun. You can take reasonable precautions that will make your house a real, safe home.

## **Benefits of Choosing Alarm Systems**

Most everyone has an alarm system these days either in their homes or in their workplaces. This means that almost everyone has had to use one at some point. If you are trying to decide if you should get one for your home, you are not alone. Many people across the globe have asked themselves the same thing. Would you like to find out why so many are choosing to get an alarm system?

Many people are making the decision of whether or not they should put one in their homes when they move, purchase a new home or just want to update their personal safety. You should take the time to learn more about a particular alarm system if you are considering using it in your home or for your family's safety.

When it's time for you to decide if you should have an alarm system installed, you should look into the many great benefit of choosing an alarm system to help you make your decision. You also have to remember that there are different types of systems with different benefits to each one.

There are many great benefits to choosing an alarm system. For example:

1. Security
2. Safety
3. Protection
4. Insurance benefits

When you have an alarm system in effect at your home, there are different things you may be getting protection from. For example, people think that burglary is the only thing an alarm system is for and while it is one of the big ones for sure, it is not the only reason. It can also help protect you and your family from other home intruders that may want to harm you in some way.

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In addition, there are home alarms that work to help you stay safe. They contain high tech smoke and fire alarms as well as toxic gasses and more so that you will be notified right away in there is an emergency in your home. An alarm can help you know in time to get yourself and your family members out safely. In addition, if no one is home at the time, the alarm system can notify emergency personnel and it could save your home, animals and pets, etc.

## **Alarm Systems Decrease Your Chance Of Burglary**

Did you know that having an alarm system can significantly decrease your chances of being a victim of a robbery? Even if you never thought you could be a victim, it's always better to be safe than sorry. Hundreds of thousands of burglaries happen in America as well as other countries. Don't become one of the statistics; protect yourself and your family with an alarm system.

### **Burglars Run from a Secured Home**

Simply having the alarm system in the first place will deter many would-be thieves from attempting to burglarize your home. Former burglars and self-professed burglars even admit that if they see an alarm system sign, stickers on the windows or visually detect pieces of an alarm system, they will try to avoid the home. Most do not consider the risk to be worth it and will move on to an unsecured home instead.

### **Protect Yourself from Crime**

That's not all your alarm system can do for you. Alarm systems also stop other types of crimes aside from just theft. If anyone had intentions to harm you or someone in your family or commit a rape, kidnapping, etc, they would be less likely to enter your home to do these things when you have an alarm system.

Even if they do still attempt the crime, your alarm system will sound and call for help as well as give you time to get away or to find a way to defend yourself. Many people have been saved from harm and theft because of their alarm system. Still, more people than we will ever know have had burglars choose another home over theirs because of the presence of an alarm system.

### **No Price Tag for Security**

Many people avoid getting an alarm system because they are afraid it will cost too much. They don't want to spend the added money or believe they will just "take their chances" but when you

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think of all that an alarm system can save you, there is no question of its worth.

You can't put a price on safety and security and that's what you get for yourself and your family when you install and operate a proper functioning alarm system for your home. There are other benefits as well such as lowering your home insurance and increasing its value.

## What Types Of Alarm Systems Are There?

Some of the highest security can be found in places such as banks and financial institutions as well as government facilities. Some with lower security alarms may include small public schools and other non-profit organizations.

The type of alarm system that is used will depend partly on what it is meant to protect and defend and also depends on other factors such as the budget allowed for the system and the level of threat to the facility.

Some types of alarm systems used in commercial settings are for:

- Intrusion alert
- HUGS infant monitoring
- Anti-theft
- Fire and life safety alerts
- Camera surveillance
- And more

When selecting an alarm system for your commercial need, consider what type of set up needs protecting and the right type of alarm to make that happen.

## Top 5 Alarm Systems Devices

When it comes to alarm systems, you have a lot of choices. There are many different types of alarm systems on the market today and there are also many different components that make up an alarm system. You may choose to get a simple, bare-bones type model which will have fewer “extras” or you may choose an alarm system with all the bells and whistles.

Regardless of which type you have or choose to purchase, make sure you are looking into all the details and that you find out what features and devices come with your alarm system and what does not. While many alarm systems are upgradeable, it’s much easier to get all the features you want in the first place.

Here are some common alarm system devices for you to consider when shopping for a home security alarm.

Remote controls- Many systems have remote control devices that allow you to control the system from a distance. You may be able to activate or deactivate the home alarm system from a distance and some also have a “panic” button to help you notify the police in the event of an emergency. There are many different types of remotes, each with different features.

Signs and Decals- Another great theft deterrent is advertising your alarm. House signs, window decals and other ways of advertising that your home is protected work as a theft prevention device themselves. Most criminals prefer an easier score and will pass up a home that they see is protected.

Back up power supply- Does your alarm system have some sort of back-up power supply? Will it work when the electricity is off in your home? Make sure all of your features as well as fire alarms work at all times when you have a back-up power supply.

Master controls- Your alarm system should have some sort of master keypad or master controls option for you to control how the alarm system works. With many systems, there are also mini-keypads or control options for your family to use.

Monitoring- Some type of monitoring, whether by voice or video or both can be a great addition



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to a bells-only alarm system. You get faster, more accurate results from a security system when you have a great monitoring function.

## Auto Alarm Systems Features

You are not alone in your quest for a great auto alarm system. Most everyone wants a way to secure their car and many come from the manufacturer with some type of alarm system or anti-theft protection already.

When it comes to choosing a car alarm, there are many features which you may want on your alarm and that may not come with your standard alarm system. If you want these features, you may have to purchase them separately or buy an entirely new alarm system. Some of them, however, can be very helpful to you and the safety of your vehicle.

There are so many different types of automobile alarm system options today and each with its own list of features. Here are some common features your car alarm may or may not have:

1. Active re-arm feature: when the alarm has been disarmed, the alarm will automatically re-arm after a certain amount of time if a door is never opened. This prevents accidental disarms.
2. Anti code grabbing: this prevents people from using methods to crack your alarm code.
3. Air horns: These are sometimes found on the inside of the car and call attention to the burglar. They can also cause pain to anyone inside the car when they go off.
4. Carjack protection: Will cause the engine to turn off and a siren to blare on your vehicle. Can be activated if your car is taken by force (if you are car-jacked)
5. Door lock/unlock: Some alarms allow the power locks on the automobile to be operated by the alarm.
6. Starter kill: This will kill the ignition or starter of the vehicle when the alarm is activated so the thief can not go anywhere
7. Emergency disarm: this switch allows you to disarm the alarm if it is accidentally sounded
8. Flashing lights: With some alarm systems, the car headlights or parking lights will flash when the alarm is triggered.
9. Pagers: Some alarm systems have pagers that will flash or sound off to let you know when your car alarm is triggered. This tells you in case you are indoors somewhere and wouldn't hear the alarm on the vehicle (such as shopping or inside a club).
10. Remote starts: Some systems allow you to start your vehicle by remote before you are inside the vehicle.

## Using Alarm Systems To The Fullest

If you really want to make sure you are using your alarm system to the fullest, you will want to make sure you follow up on any regular maintenance issues as well as make sure that it is in good working order at all times. If you suspect there is a problem in your wiring, with your batteries, that your batteries are dead or any other complication, just call the company and find out what can be done about it.

You know that your family and your home are important. This is the reason why you got a security alarm system in the first place but what good will it do for you if you are not using it as you should? Make sure you are using it to its fullest potential by considering these tips below.

Here are some other tips to keep in mind:

1. Remember to arm the alarm. So many people have systems but they get lazy or in a hurry and they do not arm them.
2. Keep maintenance up to date. Make sure all of your required maintained is done when needed and on time.
3. Perform regular tests. Tests help ensure you that your system is working how you should. They are similar to fire drills held in schools. You will not know that your system is failing until it is too late if you do not test it first.
4. Learn all you can. Make sure you read all of your guides and manuals completely and that you fully understand how your system is supposed to work. Become familiar with how to use your controls.
5. Keep payments up to date. Be sure that if you are required to pay monthly fees for the monitoring service of if you are making payments on your system that you keep your payments up to date so you have no fear of losing your service of your alarm system.

Remember your alarm system is an important tool. There are many things it can see and detect but not unless it is in proper working order and you are taking care of it properly. Use your alarm to its fullest potential and your home worries and fears will be a thing of the past.

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Consider these statistics. U.S. fire departments respond to a call every 19 seconds. Fires double their size every 79 seconds. Some 3900 people die in fires every year, and 82% of those deaths occur in homes. One home burglary is underway every 15 seconds in the U.S., and each one costs the homeowner an average of \$1700. The statistics make the picture clear: home security alarm systems and services are an important way to protect your life and home.

The home security industry is booming business, but two providers stand out: ADT and Brinks.

### ADT Security Services

In business for over 130 years, ADT is the largest home security monitoring service in the United States. Initially a telegraph service, American District Telegraph (ADT) was established in 1874. By the 1890s, the company was in the business of providing advanced call boxes and electric protection systems. In 1981, ADT introduced its Safewatch residential security system, going wireless in the early 1990s.

Trusted by the federal government, ADT holds the contract to protect U.S. federal courthouses. It supports over 6 million business and residential customers, including many of the country's busiest airports. In 2004, ADT responded to more than 50,000 in-progress crimes.

ADT's standard home security alarm systems include the basics common to other security service providers. System components include the control center, a keypad for entering commands, an interior alarm, a standard transformer and back-up for power losses, window decals and warning signs, and hard-wired sensors for windows, doors, and motion detection. More advanced add-ons and wireless systems are available for added cost.

ADT rewards customer loyalty by offering customers of two or more years a premium mover package that provides a free system in new homes and discounts toward service upgrades when the customer moves.

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ADT lives up to its number one rank and provide reliable home security monitoring services at a reasonable cost. You can't go wrong when you choose them to help protect your home and family.

### Brinks Home Security

In business since 1859, Brinks has a long-established reputation for protecting people's property. Originally a delivery service, Brinks established a worldwide reputation for its armored transport services, and it's transported some of the most valuable items in the world (for example, the U.S. Declaration of Independence).

Brinks is the only national full-service security provider to hold Installation Quality Certification awarded by the National Burglary and Fire Alarm Association. It's also been recognized by A.J. Powers for delivering "An Outstanding Customer Service Experience."

Rapid Response is not only the company's motto, it's their goal. Brinks offers well-trained certified staff who monitor home security systems and assure prompt notification to police and emergency service. Like ADT, they both install and monitor home security systems.

They offer the same standard home security system as ADT, with comparable features and prices. Brinks take pride, however, in its user-friendly keypad and website. They recognize that they'll lose customers if either are difficult to use or confusing.

Their standard system includes the standard control panel, a one-touch keypad, two window or door sensors, a motion detector, an interior siren, and window decals and yard signs to let burglars know you're protected by Brinks. Optional add-ons are available for additional cost, including features like outdoor sirens, strobe lights, and sensors for heat, moisture, glassbreak, and temperature.

Homeowners shopping for a home security alarm system and monitoring service will do well to talk to the professional staff at ADT or Brinks. They'll know they're dealing with long-established reputable firms who work hard to maintain the good reputations they've built over the last 100 years. Both companies aren't located in all major cities, but both are expanding.

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ADT and Brinks both demonstrate qualities consumers of home security systems should demand: well-trained customer-oriented staff, reliable quality products, and competitive prices. Selecting between ADT and Brinks guarantees the homeowner dependable service, responsive support, and a business relationship that will endure for many years to come.

## Home Alarm Systems Choices

If you own your own home, have just moved into a new home or are thinking of purchasing a home, do you know your home alarm system choices? A little, simple research will show you that there are actually many different options out there for you and your home. The problem is not in finding one, but in finding one that meets your needs.

A home alarm system can protect you and your family from unwanted intruders as well as other dangers that can happen in a home. There are even other benefits such as the fact that it can lower your home insurance when you have an alarm system. So what type do you need? It will depend on your budget and your expectations.

There are many different types of home alarm systems and if you are looking for a great way to keep your home, your family and your possessions safe, then you should consider your home alarm system choices. You can have an alarm system hooked up to your home to windows and doors and even garages and other access points so that you will be notified if anyone enters your home or property.

Of the many choices that are available, you can look for those that work only to detect intruders or those that also detect fire, smoke, harmful gases and much more. Alarm systems for the home can range in price from hundreds, to thousands of dollars or more. There are some that come with fancy alarms, spotlights, camera systems and much more. Others are simple, but do the job.

When thinking about your home security, you may also think about the security of your other property. Some other types of alarm systems include automobile alarm systems, motorcycle alarm systems, ATV alarm systems and commercial alarm systems.

## Home Security Appliance Control System

Modern technology helps homeowners monitor both home security and home appliances at the same time.

This one-touch home automation makes it possible to control each room in your house. By setting one central control panel, you can tell your coffee pot when to start brewing, your turn your lights on and off, open or close the garage door, or turn on the garage light to help you get to your car.

You can arrive home after work to a gleaming porch light gleaming and your favorite music welcoming you. You can go to sleep to the sounds of your favorite DVD or your favorite late-night TV show. With this customizable home automation, you can program your house to keep you with your family's routines.

Central to the home security appliance system is the remote control linked to the system center. Through the control system center, you use the remote control to operate the alarm system, the television, your DVD player and stereo, the home entertainment center, and - yes - even your coffee pot. Some systems even have accessory remote controls that you can attach to your key chain and operate from your car.

A few examples things a top-quality home security appliance control system will do include:

- turn appliances, wall switches, and lighting off and on
- adjusting the thermostat for hourly temperature fluctuations
- program events for specific times
- set lighting and heating systems to automatically adjust for changing sunrise and sunset hours
- control holiday lighting
- open and close drapes



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Easy to learn to operate, the best systems are user-friendly so that you don't have to worry about a steep learning-curve. You don't have to re-wire your home for the wireless systems, and you can program timed routines to continue daily (great for when you're traveling). These convenient features create the illusion that someone's home when the house is most vulnerable - when no one's there.

Once equipped with an automated home security appliance system, your smart home will be the envy of the neighborhood. As happens with any new technology, the systems prices are beginning to come down. However, at this time, the cost may be imposing to budget-conscious homeowners.

While the novelty of automatic normal household appliances is attractive, the security and peace of mind that these systems provide is their greatest value. Home security appliance control systems gives you the comfort of knowing you can control conditions in your home any time, from any place. You can monitor your home and, in emergencies, the alarm will sound. You'll be notified, and calls will go out to the police or fire departments.

With a home security appliance system, you can rest knowing that the system will shut off ventilation and gas and then light escape exits while it notifies the fire department about fire or gas leaks.

The system also helps you save money and energy by controlling home heating and cooling systems while you're away from the house. You can make those energy-efficient lights, water heaters, kitchen appliances, and other appliances even more energy-efficient by programming start-up and shut-down times. You can even control the thermostat throughout the day.

Home security appliance control systems offer a comprehensive integrated solution to home management. They let you control almost every element in your house and save time and money in the process. The extra bonus is the peace of mind they bring.

Isn't it time that you looked into a home security appliance control system for your house?

## Home Security Surveillance Options

Before you rush out and buy a bunch of new equipment to upgrade your home security system, you should know about your options and the types of equipment you'll want to consider. Home security surveillance options include cameras, monitors, and recording devices.

You can find a wide range of cameras for a wide range of prices from around \$100 to over \$1000. Clearly, it depends on what you want the camera to do. Monitors come in many sizes and prices as well. You can choose a small desktop monitor for as little as \$50 or a well-equipped multi-feature monitor for over \$1000. For recording the images, you can purchase a standard DVR or VCR. Vendors sell packages that contain all of this equipment with necessary accessories starting at around \$1000. Of course, you can add on lots of neat high-tech bells and whistles.

The camera is the single most important part of your home surveillance security system. Most experts recommend that home security surveillance systems use hidden cameras. They are small and easy to install almost anywhere. Some cameras already come in their own camouflage outfits - plants, toys, clocks. Others come in easy-to-spot but hard-to-damage housing.

No matter how you choose to hide it, you must be careful that its range is clear from obstruction and, of course, the camera quality provides a clear image. Of course, hard-wired cameras are harder to hide and harder to install. You'll usually need to hire someone to do your installation. If you decide to add a hard-wired camera later, you can end up with a big mess and high costs.

Web cams are a favorite device for home surveillance security systems. They are small and inexpensive, and they can be used for different purposes as well. However, it may be hard to install a webcam that uses a USB cord - better to look for a wireless webcam.

The camera lens will determine how large an area you can cover and what lighting conditions are needed. You can get a dome-shaped wide-angle lens to get distortion-free images and a larger field than with most standard camera lenses. You can also find cameras that will pick up images in low light, but infrared cameras are required if you want to monitor in darkness.

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Wireless cameras are easy to find. They are an excellent choice for home surveillance security systems because they can be installed almost anywhere without the hassle of using long cables or wires to connect them. They're easy to install and easy to use.

The great thing is that you can use as many cameras as you need (up to at least 16) to cover every vulnerable area in your home and yard. With the added capability to record images, you have the ability to help law enforcement capture and prosecute any criminal who enters your property.

Your choices of monitors are many. You can use cell phones, regular televisions, your computer, or a special desktop system monitor. This offers you a way to save money when you must. Your monitor allows you to observe activity as it happens, especially helpful if you want to use your system to monitor your baby in the nursery or your pets outside. Keep in mind that, without recording equipment, the monitor must be manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week if your home security surveillance system is to be effective.

A recording device is recommended for any home security surveillance system. It gives you the ability to follow up on break-ins after they've happened providing evidence of the crime to law enforcement as they search for, arrest, and prosecute the perpetrator. They can even be used as evidence in court. Home security surveillance systems do not really prevent break-ins, but they do help retrieve stolen items and catch the crook. And they're a great toy for techies.

A digital video recorder (DVR) lets you record longer and offers more recording and viewing options than standard VCRs can. You can also view the recorded DVDs on the internet as well as on your monitor or television. But a standard VCR will give you an acceptable recorded image of the event if you need to give it to police. Let your budget determine your choice of recording equipment.

As you might expect, the newer systems in the market allow for a variety of accessories and add-ons to make the most tech-savvy homeowner squeal with joy. You can add sensors that start the recorder when they detect motion or temperature changes. Light sensors can help you know when to adjust camera settings or provide more artificial light. And smoke detection sensors add to your home protection capabilities.

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If you're serious about getting a home security surveillance system, you should do your homework. Learn as much as you can through the internet, then make a thorough list of your needs. Prepare a map or other description of the areas you want to monitor, then take your information to a qualified expert for a free security assessment. Many local surveillance and security companies have assessment sheets you can fill out to help you be sure you've covered all the bases and decide what system and components best meet your needs.

The number and size of areas you want to monitor, conditions like light and weatherproofing, and budget will be your major constraints. And if you decide to use a subscription monitoring service, you'll need to select the best one who can provide dependable, quick responses and outstanding service.

Due to the introduction of video, most of the large and popular security monitoring companies will charge large fees. They may even ask you to sign a long-term contract. But there are younger companies out there who offer lower prices. Price, however, shouldn't be the deciding factor. You'll need to check out a new company's performance record and recommendations before signing on with them.

Home security surveillance is a new, booming industry, and it's a good way to ensure that you get to keep even those possessions that are been stolen. It's helpful to use for other purposes (like watching the baby), and there are a wide variety of equipment and configuration options. You can stay as simple as using a webcam and your laptop, or you can get as sophisticated as installing an integrated system with top-of-the-line electronics and lots of add-ons.

What you decide depends on why you need a home security surveillance system and what you can afford to spend to get the results you want. We recommend that you do a lot of research on equipment capabilities, do a comprehensive analysis of your home and surveillance needs, talk to people who already have a home security surveillance system, and get as much advice and support as you can from experts in the field. After you've done these things, you can be sure to get the perfect home security surveillance system for your unique needs.

## Home Security: Surveillance Cameras And More

For home security, a surveillance camera may be one of several parts of your security set up. You should have a full security system installed in your home, but this can mean several things. There are many parts that make up a fully functional surveillance system. Having one that is fully installed, with the necessary services and features, will allow you to feel safe where you live. Home security is one of the many things that people worry about. A system can help to minimize the worry and the risks that you face.

### **What Goes Into A Security System?**

There are many components that can play a role in security in your home. It is up to you to select the items that make the most impact on the type of security you are looking for. Consider these things to get your mind working on the needs that you have.

- A security system should be able to alert you when someone breaks into a home. To accomplish this, you can use a number of things including silent alarms, loud alarms, sensors on windows and doors as well as surveillance cameras. If someone breaks into the home, you should know about it as soon as possible and these tools will help to accomplish that.
- Continuous monitoring of your home is also necessary. A security system often entails surveillance cameras that are set up to monitor all aspects of your home and feed back into a remote location. Should something trigger these alarms to sound, the company or service that is monitoring them can use the cameras to see what is going on at the residence and take the necessary actions.
- A security system can do more than just warn you about people break-ins. It can also help to protect you from fires and carbon monoxide poisoning. By alerting you to these changes in the home, you can escape faster, before you are put in real risk.

The right home security system provides you with protection that is full and complete. The right system requires necessary investments, such as in the equipment as well as in subscriptions to services that will monitor the home. Consider the level of risk and what you have to lose by not securing your home. Start with surveillance cameras and continue with all of the necessary items to protect your home.

## Surveillance Cameras And CCTV

The level of protection that you need through surveillance cameras may extend to the range of CCTV or Closed Circuit TV. Depending on your need, you may have a surveillance system that is set up to provide you with several cameras, various operators and digital recorders. The perfect set up means considering the need for closed circuit television which provide many aspects of security for your business.

### Why CCTV?

There are many reasons to install a high quality, surveillance camera as well as a variety of other elements in your security system. Not only will it help you to make your location safer, but it provides for more efficiency and a reduced level of risk across the board. For example, you can cut down on the loss your business takes each month by catching shoplifters in their tracks. Or, with surveillance cameras easily displayed around your location, thieves are already deterred from making your location a target. Just having them there is one of the most helpful tools.

But, you can accomplish more with surveillance cameras and a full CCTV system. For example, you can record employees as well as customers that make false claims against you. Perhaps someone claims to have fallen or that an employee mistreated them. With a good surveillance system in place, you reduce the risk that you face considerably. If there are situations in which employees are involved in lying, cheating or otherwise being dishonest, your system can easily pick this up and report it to you.

For some types of businesses, a surveillance camera can also help you to reduce your insurance costs. By preventing thefts, deterring employee problems and even helping to stop fraudulent claims against your business, your insurance rates may be lower or you may simply meet their current requirements.

Investing in the right surveillance camera system will provide you with many different benefits, including the ability to monitor what happens at your business when you can't be there. In many ways, this is a tool that most businesses can reap rewards from including lowering costs,

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increasing productivity and reducing claims against them. An effective set up like this is an investment in your business that will pay off over the long term, time and time again.

## Surveillance Cameras: Their Presence Is Needed

Although some companies are marketing surveillance cameras that are very well hidden, often so well concealed that you may forget that they are there, this isn't always a good thing. If you walked down a street that was filled with well to do homes, you'll notice one thing. If the home has a security system, there's no doubt that there is a sign in the front of the home that says so. Why would anyone want to tell everyone that the home has a system or a few cameras installed? It's simple. When there are simple targets available, without this type of protection, why would any thief target a well protected area?

One of the benefits of having a surveillance camera is the fact that they can be seen. A thief is much less likely to go to a home that is going to be harder to get in and out of. They would rather try to hit a home that has little to no protection so that they can get into it and out of it faster, without any risk of being seen or recorded.

### **The Presence**

How can you use this information to your benefit? There are several key ways. First, when you purchase a surveillance camera, make sure that you place it someplace that it can be seen. This will allow for anyone and everyone to know it's there. Police departments often claim that 8 out of 10 homes that are robbed are cased, or watched, for at least one or more days before it is hit. This means that if the camera is well positioned, they will see it and head to your neighbors instead.

If you don't want to do this, or you don't have the equipment necessary to place a camera out front so readily, consider instead using signage that says clearly that there is a camera at the residence. Place these by all the doors of the home as well as on all sides of the home. If someone attempts to break into your home and sees these signs clearly displayed they are less likely to try to break in. After all, if they do, there's a good chance an alarm will sound.

The presence of a surveillance camera is one of the most important things that you can do to your homes security system. Even a camera that isn't working or works as a decoy to another is a smarter decision than going without anything.



## Surveillance Cameras In The Home

Although surveillance cameras are not necessarily the most commonly used system for home security, they can be one of the best tools that you have available to you. When it comes to your home's security, you want to insure that it provides you with the highest possible quality, nothing less. Why is it that surveillance cameras can add to this? Simply consider what they can offer to you.

### **Consider These Reasons**

Take a look at these benefits and reasons for using surveillance cameras and systems in your home.

If for nothing else, a security camera can provide a deterrent to potential thieves and vandals. The camera offers no way for them to know if it is on or off but does pose a specific risk. Even if it is damaged, it is still likely to be a difficult task to accomplish without being seen. In fact, these individuals are more likely to move on to the next house, one that doesn't have any security system simply because it's an easier target. While this shouldn't be the only reason that you install them, nor should it be only done with fake cameras, it is still a reason to use them.

Another benefit of surveillance cameras in the home is that it can offer you peace of mind. Should someone try to break in, you'll have a face to put with the attempt. Indeed, considering a camera system that is also monitored through a specialized company will provide you with instant protection, even when you can't get to the phone yourself. These systems are more expensive, as monitoring remotely will be more labor intensive, yet they provide for instant help even when you aren't home.

In some cases, adding a security system, including surveillance cameras to your home can be an insurance break for you on your homeowner's insurance policy. Find out if you can get any deduction for having one.

Beyond anything else, having a surveillance camera in your home is a safety tool. It helps you

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to monitor what is happening in your home anytime you want to. Some individuals like to use them to monitor the quality of work that landscapers do or to lower the risks that they will become targets to thieves. The right cameras in the right places provide you with an increase level of protection.

## How Home Video Surveillance Works

The first video surveillance systems were used by large and medium-sized businesses to monitor for shop-lifting and to keep an eye on cash-handling areas. They have been very effective in identifying and prosecuting criminals. Today, though, more homeowners are installing video surveillance systems. Also called closed circuit TV (CCTV), home video surveillance systems allow homeowners to monitor specific areas and keep an eye on potential thieves, burglars, and vandals.

The monitor is the defining characteristics of video surveillance systems. It receives a live picture from the camera. Normally black and white, the monitors boast higher resolutions than most home televisions, standard resolutions being between 500 and 1000 lines.

Of course, the camera is an important component of the video surveillance system. During installation, the cameras are located strategically outside the home in vulnerable areas like entry ways, porticos, and where landscaping hides access to windows. For a more effective system, cameras should be placed where they are difficult to see. They work continuously, feeding images to the monitor either constantly or at timed intervals.

Coaxial cables tie the video surveillance systems together. Available in many different sizes from local electronics retailers, they transmit the video signal from camera to monitor. These cables come with the video surveillance systems, but there are times when extra longer cables must be purchased for far-away cameras.

Home video surveillance systems also include switchers that allow the user to hook up several cameras to one central monitor. Automated switchers normally cycle through camera stations until it detects movement. When that happens, they lock on the camera where movement has occurred to monitor possible security breaches.

Some home video surveillance systems can be used with VCRs to record the live video feeds. Particularly useful when the family is away on travel, the VCR can record a break-in as it happens, saving a picture of the criminal for later investigation and prosecution. Your home video surveillance system then provides a critical piece of evidence for law enforcement.

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Home video surveillance systems make it possible to get the level of security for your home that, in the past, were available only to businesses with large security budgets. Today, they are so affordable that they are used in homes across the country.

If you've been looking for a way to better protect your home and belongings, a video surveillance system may be the way to go. One cautionary word: remember that video surveillance systems do not automatically sound an alarm or notify the police or fire department of emergencies when they occur. You'll still want to have a reliable burglar alarm system. What they will do is provide a permanent image of the crime in progress to make arrest and prosecution more likely.

## Surveillance Cameras: The Nanny Cam

One of the most sought after reasons for a surveillance camera in the home today is that of a nanny cam. This is a simple, small and well placed camera that helps to monitor what happens to your child when you leave them with their nanny. No matter if it is a babysitter for the night or a person that comes to your home day in and day out to care for your child, the need to know that your child is safe is something no parent can go without. With the help of these cameras, you are likely to find yourself in a good position, trusting the individual that's caring for your precious child. In some cases, they can save your child's life.

### **Why Use Nanny Cams**

Ask yourself one question. Are you sure, beyond a doubt that the person that you have in your home is taking care of your child the way that you would like them to be taken care of? If you have any reason to believe that they are not, or you are a concerned parent, then the consideration of installing and using surveillance cameras in the home simply makes sense.

When you leave your home, many things can happen. Both physiological and physical injuries to a child can happen, without their ability to tell you about them. A small child doesn't have the ability to tell you what happens and older children may be scared to do so. Even when you think that the nanny is a nice, warm and caring person, what they are when you leave is all that matters.

You can purchase nanny cam systems that help you to provide protection to your child in any room of the home. These surveillance cameras can be very small, well placed cameras that allow you to capture the view for virtually any area of the home. You should install them in any area of the home that your child is likely to be as well as any that you know the nanny may take the child. While this sounds like a lot of work, it may actually help you to understand the true situation at your home when you are not there.

Unless you have the ability to safeguard your children on your own, the use of surveillance cameras may be one of the best things that you can do to care for your child when you aren't available to do so.

## Surveillance Cameras: Spying At Home

When you think of surveillance cameras, you probably think of systems set up at the local business down the street that provide the store owner with a bit of security should they be robbed or otherwise hurt. But, surveillance cameras can also be used to help protect you and your family from a variety of situations. Consider the benefits of using them to spy on various aspects in your life. At home, at work or anywhere you go, these can be used to help you in a number of ways. Discrete, small, pinhole sized cameras can be used to provide spy protection from numerous situations.

### **Do You Need This Protection?**

One of the largest reasons to consider surveillance cameras at your place of business isn't just to protect you from thieves and vandals. It can also help you to monitor employees. Are employees performing tasks correctly? Are they productive or perhaps they aren't doing their job when you aren't there? You can install small cameras near registers to monitor cash flow. Perhaps you aren't sure if your employees are stealing from the warehouse. They can be used to monitor other employee relations as well, specific to your business's needs.

Another benefit is to place them in your own home. While not the most recommended reason to use surveillance cameras, they can be used to find out what your spouse is doing when you aren't at home or what your children are doing when you are at work. These cameras are used heavily for monitoring the way that nannies treat children as well. Perhaps you want to see what the babysitter does when you leave them with your children.

Any time that you use surveillance cameras for spying reasons, make sure that the reason is legal. It should always be used solely for the benefit of safeguarding your business, your employees or your family, not for vindictive means. Nevertheless, when you need to know what is happening when you can't be in that place then using surveillance cameras for this purpose makes sense. It can even help you to know that your business or your family is in good hands. What potential situations would you like to know more about? Can a small, well placed camera help you to make this happen?

## **Pros and Cons of Hidden Surveillance Cameras**

You might be surprised at how widely hidden surveillance cameras are used worldwide. They're hiding in bus stops, homes, fast food restaurants, ATMs, and convenience stores on almost every continent. Most of them feed video recording devices, but some of them are monitored live by security people for quicker law enforcement action.

Chances are good that, if you've been in a casino anywhere in the world, you've been watched and recorded by a hidden surveillance camera. They're so easy to hide, you'd be amazed. You may have been watched through a smoke detector, a speaker, or a wall clock. In fact, in the United States, it's a good bet you've been caught by many hidden surveillance cameras.

Hidden surveillance cameras have become very popular to monitor homes and businesses everywhere. Part of their popularity stems from the fact that they're small. They don't take a lot of space, they're easy to hide, and the equipment more affordable than many other security methods.

However, monitored surveillance methods that rely on hidden cameras are not inexpensive. The cost comes in the monitoring. For big business, it's well worth the cost. And hidden surveillance cameras are effective for mom-n-pop stores and restaurants despite the cost of constant monitoring. The cost may play a more important role for homeowners who are considering installing a home security surveillance system.

Most security experts tell us that hidden cameras are best. After all, except for petty crimes like shop-lifting, cameras out in the open don't prevent crime. Instead, they invite vandalism. So, crime prevention isn't the reason we use surveillance cameras. It's important to remember that the great value in using hidden surveillance cameras is not preventing crime. It's catching criminals and retrieving stolen property. And if you don't record the images you capture, they're not good for law enforcement either.

### **Disadvantages of Hidden Surveillance Cameras**

There are some disadvantages you should be aware of if you're thinking of using these small, hidden surveillance cameras. First, they have a very narrow field or limited view. It's hard to get

a clear picture, and it's harder to catch the criminal's face. Second, image quality may be hard to maintain. You simply may not be able to get high enough resolution to capture quality images that could be used in court. If you know about the concept of reasonable doubt, you know why this could be a problem. Third, because they're hidden, you can't let people know they should stand aside to give you a clear shot. The image you need may be blocked out by someone's back.

Then there's the question of principle. Especially in the United States, people are sensitive about their privacy rights. In a way, a hidden camera violates personal privacy, and many people are upset when they learn one's been used on them. They resent the fact that the store owner didn't trust them. So, if you're using hidden surveillance cameras in your business, be aware that you may offend your customers.

Further, the use of private hidden surveillance cameras has not been clearly decided by the courts. The issue is a hot button, so you'll need to be sure your state court system allows the recorded videos as evidence. And be sure your recording is video only. Many states do not allow audio recordings to be used as evidence in court, so a combined audio-visual recording might get thrown out. Before you make the investment, learn where your state is on this issue.

### **Advantages of Hidden Surveillance Cameras**

On the other hand, hidden surveillance cameras can be a very effective tool if you aren't worried about using them for court proceedings. Particularly if you want to keep an eye on employees, a hidden surveillance camera can document employee theft and misconduct.

And if you are trying to fire an employee or take some other disciplinary action, having a record of their actions is hard to argue with. In addition to theft, hidden surveillance cameras can reassure you that your nanny is taking care of the kids properly or that your housekeeper cleaned everywhere she was supposed to.

It can also help you in disputes with contractors who bill you for work they billed but did not perform. Your payment negotiations will go much better when you show them a recording of their workmen NOT painting the baseboards.



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And even if hidden surveillance cameras aren't great tools for preventing crime, they can be useful to catch and stop shop-lifting. Most shop-lifters are criminal wanna-be's or regular citizens who've given in to an overwhelming temptation. The theft isn't worth the cost of prosecuting, but being able to get your items back before they leave the store is certainly worth the cost of the camera.

## Surveillance Cameras Needs And Expenses

There are plenty of business owners that don't invest in surveillance cameras for one reason: the cost. On the other side of the coin, you have individuals that like to have the latest and greatest technology, no matter if it is the right solution or not. Like any type of situation, though, you need to compare what you need and what you would like to invest in. Finding the right security equipment helps to protect your place of business without risking too much of your money in the process.

If you plan to purchase something to protect your business but are not sure what fits your needs, work with a specialist. If you can't trust that they aren't selling you too much, use the web to help you to determine what you need. Getting the right mix of what you need and what you would like is important.

Consider your problem. Perhaps you have a problem with break-ins after hours. Here, you should consider investing in a high quality system that offers high resolution and recordings that are crisp and reliable. It's the difference between catching these people and being victimized time and time again. On the other hand, if you have problems with loitering in your lot late at night, instead of investing in a high quality system, you may simply need to use a few well placed inexpensive cameras, a sign or two warning about the camera and some extra lighting. This will cost less but solve your problem.

The overall need to have a product that is going to provide you with what you need should outweigh anything that you are considering. Don't underestimate your needs or purchase less than high quality products as this won't provide you with any benefit either. Instead, consider the best quality for your problem. Surveillance cameras that are chosen like this are the most budget friendly and the most successful.

## The Cost Of Surveillance Cameras

Often times, the cost of surveillance cameras and security systems can deter you from purchasing them. Yet, as a business owner or a home owner, the use of this type of security system will provide you with many things including the benefit of reducing your risk. Take a look at some of the options that you have and find the one that offers you the lowest cost but with the most benefit. You can often offset the cost of a camera system simply with the benefits that you will get from it including reduced theft, lowered employee and customer claims, reduced insurance rates and other benefits.

### **Pricing Cameras**

The need to set up a quality surveillance system starts with the right equipment. One of the most important things is to set up a surveillance system that provides you with the tools that you need, so cutting costs here is not beneficial to you. You may need surveillance cameras, recorders, monitors, as well as cabling. In addition to this, the cost of installation should be considered. That sounds like quite a bit but it doesn't have to be overly costly.

When comparing surveillance camera systems, it is imperative for you to consider quality over cost. One of the biggest lures and then the biggest risks for the buyer is a low end product. These are often going to provide you with just that: low end service. They aren't going to be reliable and they are going to give you lower quality images as well as a shorter life span. In the end, they aren't worth the investment.

So, how do you find a system that's worth the price that you pay for it and still get a decent cost? You'll need to invest in the quality of the systems first. Find the right set up for your situation, whatever your location needs, not just what you want it to have. Many experts recommend pricing at between \$500 to \$1000 per surveillance camera but this is a very rough estimate and shouldn't be used to gauge your own costs. Once you know what you need, take the time to compare pricing and packages. Don't downgrade your quality needs even if you find a great package for less. It's better to invest in quality and get your money's worth.

## Selecting The Right Surveillance Cameras

Purchasing a surveillance camera is a decision about security but also a financial decision as well. It is necessary to balance your needs in security with your needs for a low cost.

Purchasing effective equipment should always be your first and most important goal. What to look for in a surveillance camera depends on what you will use it for, including the location, the quality of the image that comes from it and your budget. There are some things that should be considered by anyone looking to purchase this type of camera.

### **Things To Consider About Your Camera**

Consider these aspects of camera purchase.

- Reliability is one of the most important things to consider in any type of security system. You need to have a surveillance camera that will protect no matter what, even when it's raining or snowing. For this reason, purchase only equipment that you know has a good warranty and that is waterproof. You don't want circuits to go bad on day one.
- Reliable video signal transmission is also important. There are several types on the market, each with benefits. Consider each method and determine which the right choice for your surveillance needs is. You'll want to pick one that gives you the most reliable signal, not only one will cut off and on. You can consider both wired and wireless transmission. Wireless transmission is often easier to set up and to transfer, but it is less reliable in getting the signal to you. Wired transmission requires more expense in setting up but offers a more reliable transmission overall.
- Expensive surveillance equipment doesn't always mean that the product is the best out there or the best for your needs. Take care to find out what features are offered and how well those features fit your needs. An expensive system may not offer more of a benefit for your situation.

A surveillance camera is easily purchased. With so many great models on the market, it's a matter of choosing the one that's in your budget and that offers the most for your specific need. Most of the time, this will be easy to find. If you are not sure what is the best choice, consider looking for consumer reviews or looking for packaged services that can cut down the cost of this equipment considerably.

## Surveillance Cameras: Know What You're Getting

With the cost of a surveillance camera so high, you may want to do your homework to understand what you should be buying and what you don't need to worry about purchasing. There are many aspects that need to be addressed when purchasing these cameras. Even when you think you have found a great system that provides state of the art equipment, it may not be the right surveillance camera system for your situation. Instead, invest some time in finding out what it can and can not offer to you.

One thing that you must consider is that of actually seeing what you are getting. You know what you need to focus on with the camera. You need to realize what areas your location needs to be covered by the camera and then look for a camera that will provide nothing less than this.

You should also consider taking the time to test the monitor and recordings to insure that they can provide you with the quality that you need in the views that are taken. If the quality of the image is poor, what good does your surveillance camera really offer to you? Even if you want to purchase your camera online, something that is recommended, you should still understand what the resolution offers and whether that is what you need or if you do need something better in quality. Perhaps the quality is very high and a unit that offers a bit less is much more affordable for your budget.

Choosing the right surveillance camera based on the view that you get is essential. There are various qualities of products out there, each marketed as one of the best cameras you'll find. The image that you get is the only thing that will matter to you once you install that camera. Pay attention to this quality when selecting the surveillance camera for your location.

## Using Surveillance Cameras To Your Advantage

There is no doubt that a secure location that uses surveillance cameras to protect it suffers less. There are fewer break-ins, fewer vandals that attack the location and ultimately there is less money lost on these locations than there are on any location that isn't secured. Even if your location has never been attacked in any way, it is only a matter of time before it becomes victim. One of the things that you should consider doing when you do purchase surveillance cameras and other security measures is to let the thief know that you did through the use of signage.

Why should you place these signs in your yard or near doors and windows to your location? The answer is very simple. When you invest in a security system, you want to tell everyone about it simply because it works as a deterrent to the potential thief. Should a customer come in and see a sign that says that there is a surveillance camera that is monitoring their actions, they are less likely to shoplift or to otherwise take advantage of the location. Even employees are less likely to steal or otherwise victimize the location.

When you invest in these systems to secure your location, you want the problems to stop. While you may be interested in prosecuting those that have been causing you problems, you also want to stop the potential crimes from happening. Using signage can make that happen. You should receive several signs to use like this from the company that you purchase your surveillance cameras from. If not, request them. Placing them near the entrances to your location is a good place to start. This will allow everyone that comes into the location to know full well that you are watching what they are doing.

## Surveillance Cameras And Audio Don't Mix

Wouldn't it be a better choice to purchase surveillance cameras that can not only grab a crisp, clear image of a person robbing your location and also get their voice on record? If you are considering the investment of a surveillance system into your location, it is imperative that you provide a high quality system that will provide you with all of the information and resources that you need to catch anyone that does anything to your location. But, recording audio isn't something that you want to consider investing in.

Most surveillance cameras and security systems in general don't even offer this option and the reason is simple. In most cases, recording audio is illegal. If you live in a location that doesn't allow for the recording of what people are saying, doing so can put you in line for a lawsuit. Many people can find this to be an invasion of privacy and often can lead to countless problems. If you place a surveillance camera in an open and public location, you are usually safe. But, recording audio in these locations is not often allowable.

A better solution for the business owner that is considering this type of set up is to invest in a higher resolution camera or use more of them. A camera is all that you will need to trap your criminal because a picture is worth more than words. It's easy to say that someone's voice was not right, but it is less likely to claim that a picture is not the same person.

Invest in a high quality product in your surveillance camera. This will provide you with the most potential for success in capturing anyone that does anything against you. Even if you could record audio, it wouldn't be much of a benefit to you. Instead, use these funds to upgrade the surveillance camera you plan to purchase.

## The Protection Of Surveillance Cameras

Business or for your home, a surveillance camera is one of the most important investments that you can make. If you have ever thought to yourself that if you could just be there, there would be nothing to worry about then you need a camera to help to take your place while you can't be there. Surveillance cameras are generally chosen based on the function that they can offer and what they are needed for. Each person invests in them for a number of reasons, all with one goal in mind: safety.

### **Providing A Variety Of Protections**

Purchasing a surveillance camera for your business is helpful in several ways. First, it helps you to protect your from would be thieves. It can also protect you from employees that may be doing something being your back. In addition, surveillance cameras can help you to rate employee and customer reactions and to help you to monitor productivity. In fact, just placing a camera in front of someone and letting them all know that they are on camera definitely gives you the power to be there even when you aren't there. Chances are good that fewer problems will arise with a working, active camera in place.

In the home, it is even a better tool. As of late, one of the largest news makers is that of the nanny cam or a camera placed in the home discretely so as to help protect the child. The parent can come home and watch the recording and clearly see how their child is being treated when they aren't there. In addition to this, a surveillance camera also provides for protection from break-ins (thieves purposely avoid homes that have security systems.) You can even hire a professional company to monitor your home while you aren't there.

Surveillance cameras are often a wise investment. They can offer protection in a number of ways, each offering something unique to the picture. If you have any need for a camera, purchasing one can help you to breathe a sigh of relief so that you know that there's no doubt that your loved ones and your business are safe. The protection that surveillance cameras offer to you is immeasurable. Being without one could be one of the largest risks that you take.



## Considering Peripherals For Surveillance Cameras

Purchasing a surveillance camera is an increased benefit to the security of your location. Whether it's a home or a business, the goal is to provide as much protection as possible but to still keep it affordable. When you need this type of situation, you should consider all of the components that make up a good surveillance camera set up. Chances are that you will need to make some decisions on various components. Each one of these should be chosen with care so that you get the best working, best suited and overall the most affordable choice for your specific needs.

### **Considerations For Cameras**

Looking at the features and options in surveillance cameras will help you to make your choice. Here is a brief look at some considerations you have.

**The Lens:** The lens is important for two main reasons. First, it determines just how much light gets let into the camera. It also determines how wide of a look you get from the camera. Purchasing a lens separately from your camera is common. To do this, make sure that you purchase the best fitting lens for the camera per the manufacturer's directions. Also consider the type of lens. A fixed focal length will give you an affordable choice but it only allows you to get one fixed view. A variable focal length, on the other hand, provides you with more flexibility in changing the view. You may want to consider zoom lenses as well, if this is something that you will need.

**The Housing:** The protection for the camera and lens itself is important to consider. The housing for surveillance cameras is important because it will protect the camera from weather, vandals as well as other damages. You can choose something simple or something more elaborate, again determined by your needs. Determine which housing unit you need based on where you will place the camera.

**Additional Features:** There are additional features available that can provide you with additional help and security. For example, you may want to include a pan, tilt and zoom camera. These will provide you with the ability to pan the camera from side to side, to tilt the

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camera to move it up and down and zoom into and out of a frame. These will cost you a considerable amount more, but they will provide more protection for you.

The right surveillance camera will make the most impression on your security level. Take into consideration your options fully before deciding.

## Can Home Security Gates Be Useful?

The purpose of home security gates is to limit access to your private property, but how useful or useless these are in living up to that is what we consider here in this article on practical home security measures.

Practical home security measures include a variety of devices such as burglar alarms and magnetic switches that alert the home owner to any instance of unlawful entry into their premises via a monitoring system that senses this and lets them know instantly so they can take corrective measures to deal with this! However, among the most basic kind of home security device is the home security gate option, which many independent home owners and small office or farm owners are keen on trying out. We try to understand their reasoning behind using this fundamental idea for limiting access to their property and educate our readers about what can be done in order to raise the utility and scope of this very functional but basis home security unit! Take a look at the below-mentioned points and check out whether the scenario applies to you or not; then work on the points that do apply to you so you are an aware and informed home owner in today's fast-paced, crime-ridden times and can act intelligently to keep your home and property safe – always!

The rising crime rates may be the hottest topic of discussion anywhere at any given time, but that is really no reason for you as a modern home owner not to be clued in to the latest and best home security developments so you can move up from the basics to the top-level products available at an affordable cost. Yes, this includes doing a re-think on simply depending on your old-time, falling-to-pieces gate system that merely limits access to your property, but doesn't do much as a deterrent for the smart burglars of today!

Burglars mean business when they are out on the prowl and so you need to think one step ahead of potential burglars looking to endanger your family and property with their unwanted visit: simply having security gates do not provide adequate security for the home today. If you live in the outskirts or in a village type area, you are more at threat from burglaries and other crimes than those in the heart of the city as overly populated regions have advantages of being peopled and also typically have local patrolling units that are up-to-date with latest surveillance and other security breach correction gadgets and human teams to control these.

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If you do invest in an advanced home security gate system, it is advisable to opt for the ones you can operate via a keypad, so you decide who you want to allow entry to. For family members and close friends, you may want to decide on a code that allows them access to the home, but do try and limit this to a small number to increase your chances at a security breach; alternately, you can opt for a home security gate unit that also has video cameras and intercom system so visitors identify themselves and then you can allow them entry, if you so wish.

Since these are not easy to crack open, home security gates act as a burglar deterrent on most occasions. Choose those made of solid wood or metal for added privacy along with security!

## Is A Burglar Alarm Enough To Protect Your Home?

When thinking about home security, many people assume that means burglar alarm systems and nothing more. Alarm systems are a good way to maintain a safe and secure home, but they are only one of many home security tools. An alarm system is only effective when a homeowner also takes some seemingly obvious precautions.

Windows are a common entry point for burglars. They can be the most vulnerable part of your home security system. Homes with poorly constructed or poorly installed windows are inevitably the target of experienced burglars. To know your windows are secure, make sure they have strong glass and properly fitting locks. And remember to lock your windows before you leave the house. An unlocked window is the sure way to waste every dime you spend on an elaborate home security system.

Your doors are the second most vulnerable part of your home security system. They must be constructed of strong, durable materials, secured by tough locks that can't be forced easily. Dead bolts are great unless the door frame is poorly installed or made of soft, easily damaged lumber.

If you keep a spare key for accidental lock-outs, be absolutely sure to hide it in a place no one would think of. Many a homeowner leaves their spare key on the top of the doorframe or under their welcome mat. Big mistake. Be cautious about using fake rocks or yard ornaments as hiding places, too, as every burglar knows that's why they were created!

One other important tip about keys. Losing your keys is a common and costly mistake, especially when you have your home address or information that might reveal your home address on the key ring.

Some modern homeowners rely on home surveillance systems that allow them to monitor their homes from other locations. These systems are great for recording activity and storing it for later viewing if there is a security breach. They're particularly valuable for people that travel frequently, since they involve a considerable investment. One point, though, to remember is that

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the surveillance system that's not also connected to an alarm system will only be helpful after the fact. It will not prevent the intrusion, though it may help get the intruder arrested later on.

Your dog could be important to your home security as well. Trained guard dogs are very effective at discouraging burglars and vandals. And they're portable! You can take your guard dog with you for personal protection as well. But remember, a trained guard dog can be expensive, and it may not be safe for your children. Like any dog, you must always be sure to leave plenty of food and fresh water for your guard dog.

You can also rely on less well-trained, but equally imposing large dog breeds to protect your home. It may be the same breed as the formally-trained guard dog, but it's a family pet whose love for you and your children are your main protection. Good breeds for this purpose include German and Belgian Shepherds, Doberman, Akita, Bouvier des Flandres, Pitt Bull Terrier, Rottweiler, American Bulldog, Mastiff, and Giant Schnauzer.

The pinnacle of the effective home security system is a good burglar alarm. Their great value lies in prevention. The screaming alarm usually scares a burglar away. And most security service companies provide signs and window decals to inform potential intruders that an alarm protects the home. The market offers a wide range of designs, features, and technology in burglar alarms, so you'll need to know what you need, how much you can afford to pay, and which systems best meet your requirements before you make the purchase.

Remember, though, that even the best and most technologically-advanced home security burglar alarm system will fail if you leave a window unlocked or have low-quality windows and doors. Home security is more than a system. It's solid construction, durable materials, and homeowner vigilance.

## Benefits Of Burglar Alarm Systems

There are many different types of burglar alarm systems out there. In fact, there are many different types of alarms for homes, businesses, automobiles and other property. If you are considering a home alarm system, you will want to know the benefits of a burglar alarm system.

Your home is probably your most important piece of property but it is more than just that- it's where you and your family reside. It's where you lay your head down at night to sleep. You want to feel safe and secure in your home at all times.

Unfortunately, we live in dangerous times where crime prevails and some very common forms of crime are in relation to the home. If you want to sleep more soundly at night, you should consider getting a home burglar alarm system as a defense against crime and theft.

There are many different types of house alarms or security alarms which people use to maintain safety and security within the home. The burglar alarm is one of these types. Installing a home burglar alarm system can greatly improve the security of your home.

Burglar alarm systems are safety alarms that work on sensors. They are connected to a main control center usually through hardwire or an RF signal. When the sensors are tripped, the alarm will sound and not only sends a loud sound throughout the neighborhood, but immediately calls emergency response teams to the scene.

Burglar alarms are usually placed on doors, windows and garages and other places where someone might gain entry to your home. There are many types of alarms out there. Some burglar alarms are created only to respond in the event of an intrusion. There are some multi-purpose home security and home safety alarms that will also sound in the event of fire and other emergencies as well.

Designs, styles, prices and efficiency will vary but it's clear to see the benefits of a burglar alarm system are to deter burglars from targeting your home and to notify you as well as emergency personnel in the event that someone does break into your home. These alarms will keep your

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home safe even if you are not there and will keep your family safe if they are inside the home and the time of the intrusion.



## The Advantages Of A Burglar Alarm Security System

Your home may well be the most valuable property you own and keeping it safe is critically important. A man's home truly is his castle. Unfortunately, today's homes don't normally have drawbridges, moats, ramparts, or thick walls of stone to defend them. But you can make your home safe from unwanted intruders with modern security devices.

Today's home security systems are effective and affordable. They keep burglars and other criminals at bay. Home burglar alarms protect your property and belongings and keep your family safe as well.

Modern burglar alarm systems are in great demand, as they've proven to be a very good way to protect your home and belongings. The burglar alarm system is a sophisticated electronic device containing sensors and a low-voltage power system connected to the main control panel. When the system's signals are interrupted, screaming alarms get your attention and frighten burglars away.

The most common sensors indicate when doors or windows are opened or broken. Latest system designs are hard-wired to be more affordable, but retrofit wireless systems are inexpensive and easier to install.

Burglar alarm systems usually serve other purposes as well. They include alarms for fire or carbon monoxide and panic buttons for manual alarm signals. Designs range from small noisemakers to complex communication systems. State-of-the-art systems computer based, incorporating high-technology multi-zoned configurations. Designs currently being developed are portable and can be used for both your home and your vehicle.

The more sophisticated burglar alarm systems include independent features that allow the alarm service company to identify the zone that was triggered, the time, and the type of intrusion. They can initiate different actions reflecting different types of problems (for example, different alarms for burglars as for fire). They can make automatic calls to the police or fire departments, assuring quick responses to problems.

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Other features include automatic calls to the homeowner's telephone to inform them of emergencies or calls to an alternate if the homeowner can't be located. Other systems use the zone configurations to identify different communications procedures. For example, you might want to have it programmed to notify the heating oil company that it's time for a system inspection. Some burglar alarm systems are also attached to video surveillance systems to allow for real-time remote monitoring of the property.

The most important characteristics of an effective burglar alarm system are its accuracy in identifying the correct alarm outputs to assure quick and correct responses and the unit's accuracy in communicating with the security service provider. When a system fails on either of these functions, it fails the homeowner. Homeowners need to be diligent in testing their alarm systems and securing the needed repairs.

Having a home security burglar alarm system has other benefits as well. You may qualify for a significant discount on your homeowner's insurance when you have a system installed. The insurer may require a third-party certification verifying inspection and effective operation of the system. Be sure that the inspector's report covers features beyond the promises and advertising of the security service company.

You'll want to know that the inspector agrees that your system is efficient, reliable, and of high quality. When you know your home security burglar alarm system meets these three conditions, you can feel more secure that your family, your home, and your property are well-protected.

## Shopping For A Home Burglar Alarm

Many home security service companies sell and install burglar alarm systems for you. But if you aren't sure about the quality of the system they offer, you might want to select your own.

The internet is an excellent source of information about burglar alarms. You'll find many solid reviews and product comparisons on the web, and you can shop from the convenience of your arm-chair. You'll find complete details on features and prices, and many web sites offer careful product comparisons.

Once you've narrowed down your search, it's a good idea to visit local businesses that distribute security equipment. This face-to-face interaction allows you to ask questions and get demonstrations that help you make your purchase decision.

**Recommendation:** Look into Ademco Alarm Kits from Honeywell

If you're a do-it-yourselfer or want to hire someone to install for you, it's worth your time to check out Honeywell's Ademco Vista Alarm Kits. Available for less than \$400, these systems are high-quality and reliable and come with a variety of options. They carry the Honeywell name, so you know their manufacturer is reputable and well-respected in the industry.

## What To Look For In Home Burglar Alarm Systems

Security alarms are surprisingly old. In times of old, farmers found that their geese made enough noise to alert them to intruders. Not the most practical solution, a more modern burglar alarm was adopted during the 18th Century in the form of a bell or booby-trap for doors and windows.

Today, we use home security systems to protect much more than that. Home burglar alarms sound an alert and notify fire and police stations, ambulance services, and local governments that help is needed immediately.

A variety of home security systems are available on the market today, and you can find an effective and affordable burglar alarm that meets your needs. But how do you decide what to buy?

These important factors you should consider in deciding which home burglar alarm to get:

### **\* Ease of Installation**

Many tech-savvy people decide to invest in do-it-yourself alarm kits. They are considerably less expensive than other systems on the market, and they don't come with a hefty installation fee. But for those who are not so confident in their electronics know-how, relying on professional installation of the burglar is a practical, common-sense way to know that the work has been done correctly.

### **\* Station Locations**

Modern burglar alarm systems offer a range of options for areas where your alarms will be installed. While sensors should always be placed to monitor windows and doors, you can have your system installed anywhere you want it - walls and ceilings too - to monitor vulnerable points through remote or wireless sensors. Of course, control panels should be located near the most frequently-used doors and, if more than one control panel is installed, near your sleeping area.

### **\* Add-ons**

People are creative, and new accessories and features are constantly being developed. As long as your system can accommodate them, you can add more motion sensors or sensors that pick up sound as well. These innovations allow your system to send out an alert not only when windows or doors are compromised but when unusual or unexpected movements or sounds are detected. But be careful when you use motion detectors in a house with pets!!!

### **\* Manufacturer and Service Providers**

The maker of your burglar alarm system must be reputable and responsible. You have a right to expect a reliable product and, when it comes to burglar alarms, your home security depends on it. It's important to do the research and know your new alarm system has a solid record of performance.

It's also important to know that the security service company you hire is worth the monthly fee. Look for well-known companies with established good records and reputations. Check them out with the local Better Business Bureau to know that the local office is as good as the home office represents.

### **\* Rules and Regulations**

When you invest in a burglar alarm system, you should be confident that it's compatible with local emergency communication systems and services. Find out if you need to register personally with the local police and fire departments or if that comes with your security service. And be sure your security service is responsible for contacting local emergency services. Finally, double-check to confirm that the system you purchase is acceptable to your home insurance company to qualify for discounts.

## Protect Your Home By Getting The Latest Burglar Alarm System From Alarm Systems Manufacturers

Whether or not you've been a victim of crime, the mere thought of an unwanted visitor lurking around your house can make you cringe. Crime is real, and a house gets burglarized daily in the United States on an average of once every 15 seconds!

Even the safest neighborhoods aren't safe from burglars and vandals. You never know when a criminal is casing your house or block. It's bad enough when no one is home, and your valuables and precious heirlooms are stolen or destroyed. But when someone is home during a break-in, there's always that chance of violent crime - even rape or murder.

That's why modern homeowners should know how to protect their home and families with the best technology available. The old-fashioned ways of keeping thieves outside just don't work anymore. Even the best deadlock is only as good as the quality of materials and construction used to install the door.

Home security is not a difficult subject. But homeowners should know what systems and equipment are out there and what they do or, more importantly, don't do. The security industry is booming, and there are a host of effective products available at reasonable prices. You just need to know how and where to find them.

Today, you can get coded locks, miniature cameras, laser keys, and alarm systems to protect every corner in your home. Here are some burglar alarm systems that have proven effective in preventing home burglaries.

### Alarms

- Electric Circuit Alarms. Electric circuit alarms are placed in entry and exit points like your windows and doors. Electricity flows through a switch, and when the door is opened without the proper code or deactivation, the electrical flow is broken, tripping an alarm.

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- Motion Detector Alarms. These alarms are useful for guarding large areas in your house like your living room or kitchen. They use the same technology that's common in shopping malls. The motion detector emits a radio signal in the area you want to monitor. When someone or something disturbs the pattern of the signal, the detector sends an alarm to the control box, sounding the alarm.

In both types of alarms, tripping the alarm may also be configured to immediately place an automatic call to your security service or directly to local police or emergency services.

### Cameras

While not tremendously effective in preventing break-ins, you can use cameras to monitor and record activities both inside and outside the house. You can then give your recording to law enforcement to use in catching and prosecuting your burglar. While it won't stop the crime, it does give you a better chance of getting your stolen property back and getting justice for the callous violation of your privacy.

For home security, cameras can be either hidden or in the open. Cameras that people can see may discourage burglars and vandals, as they'll be less likely to act knowing there'll be a recording of their acts. However, they may just move to an area the camera can't see.

Hidden cameras are an improvement, but they have no power to prevent the crime. They help in identifying and arresting the perpetrator and in retrieving your property.

It's a fact that crimes against property are not only increasing, they're moving more and more frequently into the suburbs and areas away from the city center. Installing a reliable home security system may be the best decision you ever made. Even if no one ever attempts to enter your home or steal your property, a home security system can protect you and your family from fires and carbon monoxide poisoning. It can also give you a "panic button" in case of medical emergencies. The peace of mind that comes with having a home security system is priceless.

If you're considering getting a home burglar alarm and security system, there are several things you can do to learn more about it. Ask friends and relatives who already have one in their home

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what kind they use and if they're happy with it. Do some internet research to learn the range of equipment and prices. Check out manufacturers' reputations. Go to your local home security stores and ask questions. Make a comprehensive assessment of your home's vulnerabilities, list the things you think you need in a security system, and discuss it with a home security professional.

After you've decided what you want in a burglar alarm and home security system, have it installed by professionals. Last, but not least, hire a reputable home security monitoring service to assure quick responses to alarms that go off when you're not home and to assure that the appropriate authorities are notified immediately when they're needed.



## **Buy Wireless Burglar Alarm To Secure Your Home**

Crime is a major concern in today's world, and no one's home is immune from break-ins and burglary. More and more homes are being protected by home security systems, and the home security industry is booming. If you're thinking replacing or installing a home security system, consider the advantages of a wireless burglar alarm.

Due to increasing demand, the security industry is producing a variety of new and innovative home security systems. The wireless burglar alarm is an outstanding new product in high demand.

Wireless burglar alarms and home security systems don't need extensive cables or wiring. They use radio waves for communications from sensor to control panel. They make effective use of motion and sound detectors, combined with window and door contacts, to alert you and your security service when an emergency occurs. The central keypad controls and directs the system, and most systems allow the homeowner to arm and disarm their system with a remote, portable control.

Wireless burglar alarms and home security systems consist of these major components:

**Central Control Panel.** The wireless burglar alarm's brain is the control panel. Usually located in a cabinet, in the cellar or attic, the control panels receives wireless signals from sensors that monitor vulnerable spots in the home. When a sensor detects intrusion, fire, or gas leaks, it sends an alert to the control panel. The control panel sounds the alarm and, in most cases, notifies the security service or local police, fire department, or emergency service.

**Keypad.** The keypad is used to activate, deactivate, and test the wireless burglar alarm and home security system. Usually located near entry doors or the master bedroom, users enter a specific code to operate the system. Keypads are easier to use than earlier systems, and they usually include a LED screen or panel that makes them easier to see at night. Most keypads also have single-touch alarm "panic" buttons for fire or medical emergencies.

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**Magnetic Contacts.** These contacts are used to monitor windows and doors. When the magnet signal is interrupted by the door or window being opened, the switch trips the system alarm.

**Sensors.** Home security systems use infrared sensors that can detect motion or body heat that enters the infrared beam. Also called Passive Infrared Sensors (or PIRs), these sensors are used when no one is home, and they're located in areas where a door or window magnet contact is not practical or where a larger area needs to be covered. They also alert the control panel when they detect motion or body heat, and an alarm sounds.

**Cameras.** Security cameras are added protection in wireless burglar alarm and home security systems. They allow the homeowner to monitor vulnerable areas with a video monitor and to record activity when hooked up to a VCR. They make the wireless burglar alarm system more versatile, as the cameras can be placed in nurseries to keep a careful eye on infants or on the exterior of the home to monitor large yards. They make it possible to identify visitors and to record an image of burglars for later law enforcement efforts. It is possible to use infrared cameras that can monitor and record in the dark as well.

**Monitoring Service.** While a wireless burglar alarm system can be used separately, this added service provides for constant monitoring and communication about emergencies from another location through a security service company. The control panel is configured to send the signal to the security company using radio waves, and the security service tracks signals and monitors for alarms. When an alarm sounds, the security service contacts local law enforcement or emergency services to get a prompt and appropriate response. Services are affordable, and greatly enhance the effective protection from wireless burglar alarms.

It's time to move up in the world of home security technology. Wireless burglar alarms are easy to install, easy to use, and effective protection for your family, your home, and your possessions.

## Choosing And Using A Wireless Home Security System

If you're considering home security, you should take a look at a wireless monitored home security system. More traditional burglar alarm and security systems had to be hard-wired into the home. They were expensive, difficult to install, and hard to repair.

A modern wireless monitored home security system has many advantages.

- easier and faster installation
- no elaborate cable or wiring
- anytime, anywhere home monitor
- lithium battery for power failures
- remote arm and disarm function
- camera coverage for large areas outside
- easy relocation

Using a wireless monitored home security system provides home and business owners with the ability to easily monitor activity in your home. Parents can go to work and keep an eye on children, babysitters, service workers, and repairmen. Imagine being able to dispute a repairman who claims to have done more than was needed! You can keep a watch on unattended pets. You can keep an eye on the back yard to monitor and catch young vandals.

You have many choices in selecting and configuring your wireless monitored home security system. You can use one or many cameras to cover the most vulnerable areas on your property. You can select cameras that operate well in low-light or infrared cameras that monitor dark areas.

Wireless monitored home security systems can serve many other purposes. Web cams are inexpensive and easy to set up. You can install a camera in the nursery to keep a watchful eye on the baby or in the garage to monitor hubby's progress on car repairs. You can use a camera in the playroom or den to be sure the kids aren't into mischief and the dog's not eating the sofa.

Most wireless monitored home security systems can accommodate up to 16 cameras, so you'll be assured of adequate video coverage of your property. And the system can be customized to meet your unique needs. For additional savings, many homeowners have chosen to buy a

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wireless home security kit. Unless you're tech-savvy, though, you should probably ask a professional to do the installation. Using equipment you purchased, installation should be affordable.

A standard wireless monitored home security kit sells for about \$100 online and comes with many useful options. They include a range of multiple zone options, loud sirens with different tones for different types of emergency (for example, a different alarm for a burglar as for a fire). They also include both exterior and interior sensors, door and window chimes, and status indicators for visual images.

Accessories and add-ons on the market include rechargeable battery back-ups, smoke detectors, exterior sirens, voice dialers, glass break sensors, and subscriptions to monitoring services. While you can choose to monitor your home yourself, you may find that task overwhelming. You can't be available all the time to monitor your system, so it's a wise decision to subscribe to a home security service that can monitor your home for an affordable monthly fee.

When deciding how to configure your wireless monitored home security system, there are several things you should have decided. You'll need to know what areas in your home and on your property you want to monitor. Know what level of lighting you have and what types of cameras you'll need. Decide what areas you want to monitor and how many cameras it will take.

Then take your requirements to a wireless monitored home security specialist at local stores and ask for recommendations. Look at several brands and models to get a good comparison and to meet your needs at the lowest possible cost. When you know what you want, you can shop online for great deals. You can find a huge variety of wireless monitored home security systems at online stores and auction services.

One caution. Be sure your new wireless monitored home security system will not interfere with, or be interrupted by, other wireless equipment in your home. Wireless internet connections and cordless phones can reduce efficient and effective system operations. Be sure your wireless monitored home security system operates on a different frequency that will not compete with existing wireless equipment and appliances.

## Choosing Monitoring For Alarm Systems

Do you have a need for an alarm system? Almost everyone has seen a home alarm system at some point even if you have never had one in your own home. If so, then you probably know that there are many different options for you out there.

Some home alarm systems are just bells that alarm when the system is triggered but a monitoring system provides you with more than that. This type of system can help protect your home even when you are not there. It will call emergency services when needed and report if there is a fire, break in or any other problem at your home. There are also many other extras that come with a monitoring type alarm system. You will have to talk to your alarm system company to find out exactly what is available to you and what your options are.

Some are the reasons why you might choose alarm system monitoring for yourself are:

1. It's easy to manage. You do not have to be a highly technical person to try to operate it or figure out how to use it.
2. It offers the best protection. It will offer you the best possible protection; more than what a bell-only system will offer you.
3. More gadgets and options. When you choose alarm system monitoring you can get many extra gadgets such as remote functions, key fobs, etc.
4. 24/7 monitoring. You will have a trained professional watching your home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for added security.
5. Full service features. You can work with one professional that offers you many different services. For example, you can have

Why wait to choose a home alarm system for your family and home? Feel secure while you are away and even when you are at home or at night sleeping when you have alarm system monitoring.

Make sure you find out all the facts before signing up for a particular monitoring alarm system service. You will want to find out what your total costs will be including installation and if there will be any monthly charges that you will have to maintain for the monitoring services. Take the time to do it right and your home will remain safe.

## Benefits Of Monitored Alarm Systems

With so many different types of alarm systems out there, it can sometimes be difficult to choose the right type for your needs. If you are in the market for an alarm system, you should know the benefits of a monitored alarm system.

You can then set out to make a more informed decision about what type of alarm system you need for your home and to meet your needs. You certainly don't want to get more alarm system than you need or spend too much money on fancy gadgets and features that you won't use but at the same time, if you're going to get an alarm system, you may as well get a good one that really meets your needs.

Sometimes monitored alarm systems can cost more than other types but here are some reasons why the extra expense is well worth it:

- **Emergency response-** Police will respond quicker to a monitored alarm system. They do not always respond to a bell-only alarm unless they have other cause to believe a crime is being committed.
- **Duress Signal-** This feature allows you to send a secret code if you are forced to turn off the alarm. The invader will never know that when you turned off the alarm, your secret code called for help.
- **Personal Attack feature-** A personal attack signal from your alarm system will send the police immediately.
- **Fire Safety-** Have the added security of a fire alarm that will call for help as well as wake you up quickly enough that you and members of the household can get out in time.
- **Other harmful gases-** In addition to fire and smoke, you can have a carbon monoxide fire detector to warn you and your family as well as call for help.
- **Emergency assistance-** Your alarm system may also have an emergency assistance button on the panel and they can help you get assistance.
- **False Alarm management-** False alarms do happen and monitored alarm systems offer you a better way to deal with these when they occur.

There are other benefits to choosing a monitored alarm system for use in your home but there

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are some of the biggest ones. You should now be able to make a better, more informed decision about your home security needs.

## How the Alarm Monitoring System Works

In this article on modern home security devices and their workings, we concentrate mainly on the advantages a home owner has over others like him by investing in a quality unit for burglar alarm monitoring systems.

The main purpose of a good burglar alarm is to alert the homeowner or even small office owner about any unlawful entry on their premises and thus prevent burglaries from taking place; these units can also be connected to others such as central security unit in an apartment dwelling or bungalow style house or even the street-watch guard help, if there is one for your local beat. Thus, from the alert, which comes in electronic form, security breaches can be detected and details sent across through sensors connected to main unit or other close-by control units, which act on pre-determined modes to announce the alarm has been set-off and suitable action may now be taken by those at the control unit.

You can opt for either type of home security device if buying a burglar alarm system, such as a hardwired or wireless monitoring system, depending on your budget, whether you plan on installing it yourself or hiring someone and of course, the kind of neighborhood you live in (e.g. a rough neighborhood calls for advanced security breach information gadgets, so don't stint on this).

If you want to buy the wired system for burglar alarm monitoring, check for the whole enchilada offered by home security device manufacturers, such as smoke sensors and heat sensors besides those working on re-chargeable power and having back-up to be extra reliable.

Of course, these raise the cost of the units considerably, but seeing the benefits they provide of extra security to the homeowner and peace of mind with it, they are well worth the investment, feel most consumers. These kinds may also be equipped to handle cases of tampering so give you your money's worth; that aside, you may require some amount of dexterity with handling wires and home improvement projects to put this up.

For the wireless burglar alarms however, the cost is considerably reduced as many new manufacturers in the global market have added to consumer options and thus, with competition high, the prices are low to ensure sales. Do remember to read about user feedback and proper



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usage of these to ensure you are buying a quality product as there are many good websites to guide you on this purchase; don't make it in a hurry and don't compromise on quality for home security should be tops on your list of things to do in today's days.

What makes the wireless burglar alarms easy to install and use is the fact these utilize transmitters and call for a fair bit of maintenance if you want efficient operation (yes, that's why they come cheap); check batteries have adequate power and sensors are in working condition and do so regularly.

You can also buy the remote alarm output where control panels are linked to pre-decided monitoring systems that can be configured in different ways, including direct connection to a responder/central security unit or local police head quarters. These are the most exclusive kinds and naturally require you to loosen your purse-strings a fair bit! But the peace of mind is sure worth it!

## **Alarm Systems Repair**

Many people now have alarm systems in their homes to help them remain safe. Many more have alarm systems in their businesses and workplaces. In fact, almost all commercial properties now have alarm systems set up in them for protection. Just like anything else, your alarm system will require regular maintenance to make sure it is working how it should.

Alarm system repair is very important if you want to keep your alarm system working properly. If you have an alarm system in your home or in commercial use, you understand how important it is to you and the safety of your property. Some problems with the alarm system may be due to compatibility issues with a hard wired system or EMI (electromagnetic interference) with a wireless system. Dead batteries are also a common reason for an alarm to not be functioning properly.

### **Signs You Need Repair Services**

What are some signs that your alarm system might need repair? Well, it depends on the type of system that you have but in many cases it is a sign if your keypad is beeping and warning you there is something wrong with your phone line or that your batteries are dead.

Another sign that there may be a problem is if the system sounds the alarm when it has not been triggered or has a lot of false alarms. You should never try to fix or repair the alarm on your own. You can do more damage, cause the equipment to become faulty or void your warranty on the alarm system or parts. Make sure if you suspect something is wrong with the alarm system, you call the professionals immediately.

### **Call a Professional**

If your system is not warranted and you need to call a professional repair person, make sure you call someone with the experience to do your job for you. Your personal home security system is not an area where you want someone who doesn't really know what they are doing. Do your homework and choose someone certified with good references.

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Don't be afraid to look into their background or ask questions. A true professional in this line of work will understand completely why you are asking and will not have a problem with it.

## Commercial Uses Of Alarm Systems

We have all heard of alarm systems by now. Many of us have them on our cars and even in our homes. Alarm systems have many commercial uses as well. In fact, some of the first alarm systems were actually not used in homes and private properties but in commercial properties. They are still used frequently today. In fact, you will be hard pressed to find a public building or commercial property that does not have some sort of alarm system in it.

These alarm systems are used for many different reasons. Some may be used to protect the facility from intruders or theft but there are also other reasons. One other safety reason may be fire, smoke and toxic gasses.

### **Who Uses Commercial Alarm Systems?**

Some examples of when alarm systems are used commercially would include:

- Banks
- Convenience stores
- Retail outlets
- Malls
- Public facilities after hours
- Multi-family living areas
- Educational facilities
- Schools
- Libraries
- Public and government offices
- Healthcare facilities
- Mixed use facilities

These are just some of many great commercial uses for alarm systems. Pretty much any public or commercial building or facility is going to have some sort of alarm system. Even places that

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are open 24 hours a day have an alarm system in case something happens. Many of these have high tech alarm systems with surveillance and more and others are simple and basic.

## Commercial Alarm Systems

You may already know that there are many different types of alarm systems out there. If you are in the market for an alarm system yourself, you will want to learn all you can about the different types, what they do, when they are used and which one is best for you.

The more research you do, the better able you will be to choose a system that will work for you and your needs. You might want to find a package deal on an all-inclusive alarm system to cover intrusion, fire and other needs. There are many companies that offer commercial alarm systems so you can shop around and find the one that works for you.

Do you need a commercial alarm system? There may be some cases when you need a commercial alarm system and not a traditional or home alarm system. For example, do you have a new business or are you looking to start up a business? No matter what your business is, you may need to consider an alarm system to protect your business from fire, theft, breaking and entering as well as other potential problems. It can also help your insurance rates go down some if you are properly protected by an alarm system.

Some businesses that make use of commercial alarms are:

- Banks
- Convenience stores
- Retail outlets
- Malls
- Public facilities after hours
- Multi-family living areas
- Educational facilities
- Schools
- Libraries
- Public and government offices
- Healthcare facilities
- Mixed use facilities

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If you own or operate a business that does one of the above and you do not have a commercial alarm system, you should look into your options today. Do not leave your business or commercial property unprotected.

Some other types of alarm systems include home alarm systems, motorcycle alarm systems, ATV alarm systems and automobile alarm systems.

## Automobile Alarm Systems

If you want to protect your automobile when you are not in it, the best method is to get an automobile alarm system. There are car alarm systems that will emit a loud sound if someone other than you tries to enter your car. There are also more advanced types that will render your automobile un-drivable and some that will even lock a suspect inside until the police arrive to nab the would-be car thief in action.

There are many different types of alarm systems on the market so your first task will be to do some research and try to choose the one that meets your needs the best. What are your fears concerning your car? Are you worried that someone will try to steal the automobile itself? Are you concerned that someone may try to steal something inside – such as an expensive stereo system? Are you worried about vandalism?

Depending on what your concerns are, as well as what your budget is, there are different types of automobile alarm systems on the market. Many automobiles now come with a basic car alarm from the manufacturer. Having an anti-theft alarm on your automobile can also make your automobile insurance costs go down so be sure to mention it to your insurance company if you add a car alarm.

Some car alarms are very sensitive and will sound off if someone gets too close to your vehicle. These are a good choice if you fear vandalism because they will alarm before the person has a chance to get close enough to cause damage to the vehicle. But be warned with this type, you will get many false alarms.

When you think about the security of your car, you may also think about the security of your other property. Some other types of alarm systems include home alarm systems, motorcycle alarm systems, ATV alarm systems and commercial alarm systems.



## Buying Car Alarm Systems

Are you thinking of buying a car alarm system? Our cars are one of the most expensive items we own and for many people they are one of the most important pieces of property we will ever have. We also have to depend on our cars to get us to places we need to go like school and work and even to the grocery store. It's understandable that you will want to protect this important piece of property in any way possible.

However, many people make mistakes when they go to purchase a car alarm system. They may not know enough about the system or even about the market. They may not know what their individual needs are or they may get pressured by a pushy salesman into buying more than they really need. There are some important things you should know before you spend any money on a car alarm system.

### Types of Systems Available

There are so many different types of car alarm systems. When it comes to car alarm system choices, there are two main types:

- Passive
- Active

Some alarms can actually be both. These methods refer to the way that the car alarm activates and functions. Passive alarms will automatically arm themselves after the car is turned off and the doors are all closed. You never have to remember about whether or not you armed the alarm as it will do it for you. An active alarm system requires you manually arm it in some way.

There are many car alarm systems that are designed to work either passively or actively. This is great for a busy person who may not always remember to arm their alarm. Another great reason to have an automobile alarm system is because it may lower your car insurance payment. If you have passive features on your alarm, you may save even more.

Some automobile alarm systems will need to be put in at the same time or before your stereo

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system is put in- particular if you are going to have a very expensive stereo system installed.

You can usually get a great auto alarm system for \$100-200 and you can typically have it installed for around \$100. When shopping for your car alarm, don't be cheap.

## Motorcycle Alarm Systems

Be a smart motorcycle owner and use an alarm system. If you have a motorcycle, particularly if it is your main method of transportation, you will understand the importance of an alarm system. You do not want to become a victim of theft or some other complication with your motorcycle so protecting yourself with an alarm system is a smart move.

More and more motorcycle owners now understand that it pays to be protected. It is well worth it for you to spend the money and invest in security and safety alarm system for their bikes and motorcycles. If you want to know more about available motorcycle alarms, you should contact an alarm company today.

There are some other bonuses to getting an alarm system for your motorcycle. You can also save really big on your motorcycle insurance (which we all know can be expensive) when you choose an approved motorcycle alarm system. All you have to do is contact your insurance agency when you've had the alarm system installed and let them know. They will provide you with the rest of the details.

There are different types of alarms and security devices such as shock sensor, sound alarms, lights, harness kits, waterproof models and more.

Don't take your motorcycle security needs for granted. There are now many different motorcycle alarms available and with so many to choose from, you are sure to find one that meets your needs so there is no reason to put it off or avoid getting something that can make a huge difference for you. Imagine what you will save if it avoid the theft of your bike?

Other alarm systems exist for homes, commercial property, rental property, automobiles and more. You can find an alarm system to meet all your needs and keep you and all of your property safe.

## Driveway Alarms

Among the best kind of home and business security devices you can invest in today are the affordable (and also exclusive – if you care to spend more) driveway alarm systems that alert you of potential entry at main access points.

You can install driveway alarm systems at the main access point or points in your home or business premises so you are always in the know about who may be entering or leaving your property at any given time. These are now available easily on the net at various websites and also in the local security goods stores, so check out the rates and models of these at the earliest – if you haven't already – after all, they will be working to protect your interests, so may as well take an interest in them!

While driveway alarms are not very costly if you opt for the base models, they are extremely efficient as home or business security devices that are quick to alert the owner in case of a possible break-in as they work on an instant sensory relay system that is linked to the control panel with you. Alternately, in a larger set-up, you can have a security guard or group of them handling this information and decide the kind of action you want undertaken for any breach of security/unlawful entry into your home or business. Most driveway alarm systems of the advanced kinds are pretty hard to break-through and thus experts advise those with video surveillance to further increase your security measures for then you have visuals to monitor forcible entries etc. and can verify whether it is undesirable or not or contemplate legal action, if required.

Thus, we find that investing in driveway alarm systems not only alerts the owner to any instance of unauthorized entry, but also raises the overall security of the property and adds to your sense of mental peace by ensuring privacy is maintained throughout.

Most driveway alarms use motion sensor technology to detect movement within a certain range/radius; they then, sound off an alarm to transmits an audio or video (or even both) signal to the main control panel about the activity detected on the premises, which further helps the owner decide what action to take.

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A one-time, practical and useful investment for the added security of your home or office, the standard driveway alarm system and even the advanced wireless driveway alarm units offer an easy and affordable option to many people who'd otherwise bypass buying this for exclusivity or difficulty in installation.

Deterring intruders, ensuring privacy and guaranteeing you peace of mind over securing your home and business, the handy-dandy driveway alarm system working on the basic transmitter and receiver mode, with transmitter sending signal and receiver sounding the alarm, is a must for all modern residential and commercial premises looking to avail the advantage of science and technology for protection of interests – at all times!

There are special driveway alarm units for busy departmental stores, public places such as fun malls and amusement parks or even drive-in joints; these typically comprise of an automatic door system as a gateway that is electronically monitored to allow or deny entry based on certain pre-determined factors. These may include wired or wireless alarms, infrared driveway alarm units or metal detection sensor systems to provide multi-functionality in security systems.

## Emergency Plans

With crime rates rising everywhere at alarming proportions, there is little we can do to counter these, but stay aware of technology and common sense aided measures to raise security at home and work.

In this article, we bring to our readers some practical and workable tips on creating emergency plans for the modern home and business to stay atop any security breaches they may or may not have anticipated.

After all, like 'They' (the wise family all old wives tales are made of), say, prevention is better than cure or better to be safe than sorry; both idioms apply here as life is not replaceable like other valuables are and so it is best to take whatever preventive measures we can to upgrade our security at home and at work to lead better lives – and to offer the same to our family and staff.

In the US alone, there are thousands of homes that have suffered loss of life, limb and property due to not being prepared for emergency situations that cost them dearly; everybody can be clever in retrospect, but that does not bring back the lost ones, which is a regret those having survived crimes always live with. To protect oneself from avoidable circumstances, there are a few measures we all can take as householders and business owners to enhance the security around our premises, both residential and commercial and thus, disaster management is the buzzword for the day!

This is the scope of disaster management plans: covering emergency situations that may arise at homes and across businesses in the US and beyond. Professionals working in this field need to be highly trained, aware of the latest technological aid at their service and be able to combine ready reckoning skills with dealing with bombs, suicides, burglaries and sophisticated crimes head-on in a matter of minutes since these may be crucial to someone's life and threaten more than simply the home or business owner's security.

To stay above the vulnerability factor of such everyday happenings we hear about in the news ever so often, it is important to keep abreast of latest information about raising home security

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measures and applying these to business practices as well, if you are so involved; this is in order to prevent devastating consequences taking their toll on life and property.

Protecting life should be foremost in any given emergency situation: so work to ensure the safety of people before property. Go over the emergency plan, including exits, how to move towards safety; contact persons and what to take along if a certain eventuality actually occurs. Every family member must know where to meet in case of a break-in (like a panic room or secure place away from the house and be made aware of secret exit points) while it is imperative to train employees about how to leave the premises in case of fire or other threat to the business center.

At work, you can also establish a telephonic protocol for emergency situations to alert those not aware of the situation; this will help control any overwhelming panic in dealing with the emergency and ensure calm, carefully thought out measures are undertaken.

If you live in a climatically-challenged zone and your home/business is susceptible to suffering weather-related disasters, you need to routinely go over practice disaster drills especially, if there are children on the premises.

## Common Sense Home Security Tips

In today's uncertain times, with rising crime graphs, there is little option for home owners but to invest in advanced home security gadgets and update themselves on reliable measures to safeguard their family and their property.

We bring you some useful, practical and workable tips on raising the home security measures for protecting yourself, family and valuables – share these with friends and loved ones to stay atop the rising, troubling crime-ridden times we live in!

Not only are these practical home security tips useful for safeguarding your personal interests, such as family members, pets and valuables, but you can also prevent the crime rates rising higher with a little forethought put into practice with neighborhood patrolling units, raising awareness about little things you can do to increase security measures in the home and outside and spreading the word about best security devices you can buy. Begin today – and step into a safer world with more peace of mind than you would ever have imagined without these workable home security tips – easy to follow, simple to apply, put into practice today – you deserve it! And so does your family – after all, they rely on you to keep them safe, so read through carefully – and don't let them down.

With sophisticated criminals abounding and even impulse robberies being nothing unusual and reported daily in even respectable neighborhoods, you know you cannot be safe always – but with advanced home security gadgets easily available for easy installation and maintenance, there is really no reason why you should not avail of all these advantages for yourself. For example, the basic wireless burglar alarm system is low-cost, easy to install (DIY job is cheap and fast) and effective for instantly alerting you through a central unit about any unlawful entry into your home.

There is a lot of variety available both online and in local departmental stores and retailers of home security systems for you to check out various brands, models and peripheral units that you can purchase at affordable prices to enhance security measures at home, including places that offer free or low-cost installation of the same.



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Don't hesitate to look out for discounted home security gadgets as you may well strike a bargain during a clearance sale or introductory offer price from new manufacturers.

Do away with any household things, (e.g. ladder) that a burglar can use to break-into your home. Ensure all entry points are sealed when you are away.

Keep all valuable assets under lock and key and not in easy view (invest in a safe unit, if you can or keep in a bank locker); think of it as installing the necessary anti-virus system on your computer to face potential virus threats and do the same for your home by purchasing and regularly checking the home security system output.

Do not be free with handing over house-keys to friends; decide on a code for family members to use for allowing entry to the house if you've installed an electronic security system.

Do not use traditionally popular spots for hiding house keys, such as under the flower pot, floor mat etc. as burglars look for these places first. Keep a spare handy but out of sight of others (in your car/office desk drawer etc.)

Don't allow strangers into the house – even if it's only to make a phone-call or those asking for a drink of water – you never know the motive behind the call and its better to be safe than sorry.

## **Increase Home Security – Effective Tips To Foil Burglaries!**

With the ever-increasing crime rates despite advancements in science and technology and people being careful about who they let in to the house, there is an added need to exercise common sense and electronic systems to foil felony attempts.

In this useful article, we present readers with a variety of options to foil felony attempts in their home and workplace both; read through to educate self about effective tips to foil burglaries which are rampant these days and protect self, family and property smartly.

Being an astute home owner in modern, changing and fast-paced (not to mention dangerous) times, there is an added need to keep up to date with technological information about latest gadgets to enhance home security and learn from experts in the field about creating and effectively applying disaster management programs into force in unfortunate circumstances. Like they say, forewarned is forearmed, thus, knowledge of adequate security measures, applying these timely and properly and awareness about best means to protect family and property is very necessary to prevent oneself and loved ones ending up as statistics on a news channel!

While cops cant be everywhere even though increasing crime rates have ensured that effective surveillance and local patrol beats are given due attention to prevent and control crimes in areas prone to these, e.g. suburban localities, villages and off-beat locations, there is still a need to learn how to tell a conman from the impulsive trespasser or harmless neighborhood prankster in order to see through the trickster.

Many such felons are addicted to the high the crime such as breaking-in or pilfering from a super-market or even a neighbor's larder can give them; other felons may be smooth talkers and manage to charm their way into your home or out of business completely!

The people you need to watch out for are not the ones looking for the cheap thrills of robbing a little old lady of her umbrella or you of your household appliances; no, they are desperate and perhaps even a bit crazed, therefore unpredictable at times. However, that does not mean there is nothing you can do about them.

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On the contrary, since you know such depraved people exist and can pose potential threats to your security, you can take preventive measures to deter their break-in or making a getaway after committing a crime.

Keep all entry points clear of shrubbery and over-growth; avoid stacking up items that affect your visibility of the entrance at any point.

Keep windows and doors locked tight; install magnetic sensors on these if possible to alert you of unlawful entry.

Be wary of any back-door entry modes, such as back-alley points most criminals prefer to use in order to break-into vulnerable houses or un-manned driveways.

Install a driveway alarm system if you can to alert you of persons making surreptitious entry; opt for a video camera option if possible so you can identify and thus, allow or deny access to your property to the visitor.

Keep a dog – not the timid lap-dog kind, but the brutal, bone-crunching Pit Bull variety that is lean, mean and hungry for attacking or deterring potential thieves. Put up a sign saying you have a mean dog at the very least, this will make potential criminals think twice before entering your home!

## **Security Alarms Books – A Guide For Savvy Homeowners!**

With the daily news compromising of more crime rates than regular events on a global basis, is it a wonder that the latest interest among American households is studying home security alarm books?

We take a closer look at how rising crime rates have affected home-owners in America and the world-over and find out for you, dear readers, the best home security alarm books you can arm yourself with – so you and your precious family are protected against all odds!

Stick with us – and increase your knowledge of best home security alarm books and learn about their efficacy as guide books for savvy homeowners so you are always one step ahead of the felons abounding in this wicked world! For, whoever sang, 'It's a wonderful world,' never lived in these times, for sure – and here prevention is sure better than cure, especially when emergency situations can happen to irreplaceable things, like life or limb.

Going through the wide variety of home security ownership manuals, guides and books that are easily available for your perusal online as well as in bookstores, we can safely (no pun on that, at least not intended) say that there is no dearth of quality writing on this hot topic. Vivian Capel, the famous author of Home Security, Second Edition: Alarms, sensors and systems, offers the modern homeowner a practical guide to protecting property and outlines effective ways to safeguard the home, too. Tutorials include details on burglar-proofing your home, stopping thieves, selecting and installing your chosen home security system and the variety of products available today in this specialized field. Readers get an extensive knowledge of various home security gadgets in the market and product descriptions of circuits for 2 best home security device designs, so it's definitely worth a look!

Other than the above, readers can also consult the Savvy Guide to Home Security by John Paul Mueller, who has authored more than 60 books, where homeowners are guided through various essential home security steps. These include how-to information on developing, purchasing or installing home security units besides learning to evaluate, plan and buy best devices for the home and tips on maintaining these security alarms. John thoughtfully covers the entire gamut of home security alarm systems that are also suitable for use in home office set-ups and has mentioned several practical tips gleaned from security experts, including matter

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on assessing security system reliability, brand choices, tips on choosing the right equipment and a glossary of relevant terms those new to the whole home security topic may find very useful.

Carl Hammer comes down hard on felons and potential criminals by giving readers today a taste of his updated knowledge of technology available to homeowners, office and automobile owners so they can choose reliable alarm and locks for their personal goods such as these. He bases his need for the book on the fact that every US citizen has at some point in time, suffered an instance of personal theft, for this was reported by the Department of Justice data he'd studied prior to compiling his work. He warns homeowners against falling for smooth-talking salesmen who cleverly compel trusting home owners to buy costly security alarms that are actually low-quality and only good to look at; one can never tell if the salesperson is actually setting them up for a break-in to occur. The author goes on to detail proven techniques for deterring burglars and outlines different low-tech, affordable and easy to maintain home security measures for protecting personal property - from home safes to storing guns properly and auto alarm system usage, there's lots of information in this homeowner's security beef-up guide.

Pick one up today – protect your home and family!

## Brinks Business and Home Security Services

The Brinks name has long been recognized as a leader in security services. Established in 1859 as a delivery service, Brinks was the world's biggest armored car service in 1956. Since then, Brinks has expanded their services to include dependable security services and systems for business and homes.

You can trust Brinks. They've had responsibility for protecting the United States' Declaration of Independence, the first rock samples from the moon, the world's biggest uncut diamond, the famous diamond that Richard Burton gave to Elizabeth Taylor, and Hank Aaron's bat that broke the homerun record of Babe Ruth!

Most famous for its armored transportation services for banks and businesses, Brinks has expanded far beyond its original mission. Today, over one million customers in the US and Canada use Brinks Home Security to protect their precious families and valuable possessions. They have brought reliable and affordable security systems and services to the public.

Today, Brinks is in over 50 countries and leads the field of home and business security providers. It's the second largest U.S. monitoring service, second only to ADT Services, and it continues to provide armored car and truck services as in the past. Brinks is well-known throughout the world as a trusted transporter of valuable goods. They've protected cash, jewels, and original artwork for some of the world's largest businesses and most wealthy individuals. Having established a solid reputation in the field, Brinks continues to grow and diversify its services.

Brinks is gaining new friends and a solid reputation as a provider of reliable home security services across the United States and Canada. Their customers include corporate and industry leaders and homeowners everywhere. Brinks Home Alarm Monitoring Services are alert and active 24 hours every day. They are dedicated to rapid response - they understand how important quick action is to protect your family and property. They assure trained monitoring professionals keep a careful watch for alerts and alarms. To be sure their professionals meet their high quality standards, they do not sub-contract monitoring services. Every professional monitor is a Brinks employee directly accountable to Brinks' managers and customers. Whether

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responding to criminal activity or home emergencies like fire, carbon monoxide, or medical crises, Brinks guarantees 24 hour rapid response.

Customers report great satisfaction with Brinks honesty and integrity. Whether business operators or homeowners, they have come to expect only the highest level of service and accurate, responsive technical support. They take pride in their reputation for consistently quality services, and Brinks strives to maintain that reputation until it is the number one security service.

Not only their customers, but independent agencies, recognize the top quality leadership that Brinks brings to the security industry. They've been recognized as a best buy by Consumers Digest, and J.D. Powers applauds their service as an "An Outstanding Customer Service Experience." They've received the Police Dispatch Quality and Consumer Choice awards. And Brink's Home Security is the only national full-service security company with Installation Quality Certification, granted by the National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association's Installation Quality Certification Board.

If you're thinking about adding a new security system and monitoring service to protect your business or home, check out Brinks first. You'll find their prices competitive and their services outstanding. You can't go wrong when you sign up with Brinks. They'll exceed your expectations and assure you have the peace of mind knowing your life and property are entrusted to a company that has made security its business for almost 150 years!

## Security Measures For Small Businesses

People who own and run small businesses may have been overlooked in the past. Not attracted to the big budgets and sophisticated requirements of big business, the security industry has not focused on providing small business security. Small businesses had to settle for inappropriate and overpriced security that resembled home security systems.

But there's good news. Leading security industry manufacturers and providers are paying attention now. They're beginning to understand that the unique needs of small business security require tailored security measures and systems.

Small business security does have one advantage. Needing smaller staff and experiencing less turnover than large businesses, small business's risk for in-house theft is significantly less, reducing the need for inventory tracking and video monitoring for break rooms and storage areas. But small businesses still face serious risks for theft, vandalism, and violence.

Small business security needs are in many ways like those of corporations and individual homeowners. Common-sense security measures are important. Things like removing potential hiding places for would-be thieves by eliminating blind spots on building exteriors is a basic preventive measure. Lighting the building, inside and out, makes it possible for people outside the building to observe criminal activity at night and when the business is closed. Keeping entry points clear of obstructions and shadows is important to safety and security. Installing locks with security codes for individual employees prevents entry by unauthorized people.

Exterior lighting is not only important for security. It's an important way to prevent injuries to customers and to prevent crimes against both customers and employees outside the building. Liability insurance is a significant expense, and good exterior lighting can qualify small businesses for discounts and insurance savings. So in a way, liability insurance is a good small business security measure.

Every year, small businesses lose billions of dollars to preventable theft and vandalism. Monitored commercial alarm systems are an inexpensive and effective way to protect your small business. They're easy to install in less than a day, and they're easy to operate. A good small business security system will include control panels, security keypads, glass break sensors,



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window and door contacts, motion detectors, and sirens. Systems can be hard-wired or wireless. They can include loud immediate alarms or silent alarms that alert law enforcement without interrupting ongoing business. They can have add-ons like fire alarms and video surveillance. You can get a back-up system to assure your small business security needs are covered at all times.

If you haven't already done it, you should ask a security professional to inspect and assess your small business for vulnerabilities and ask for a proposal that addresses them. Inherently more vulnerable to financial losses, there's no such thing as too much security for a small business. An expert in the field can help you identify your small business security needs and create a plan that both meets your budget and makes your small business more secure.

When shopping for a small business security system provider, there are a few basic ways to select the best one for your needs. First, you should always talk to more than one company. Three or four reputable vendors is a logical choice that produces competition and gives you a variety of ideas and options. They should be willing to come to your business for face-to-face meetings. Be sure to get the proposals and price estimates in writing, and make sure the proposals are complete, including monthly charges, set-up and installation fees, and warranties. Find out if they offer training for you and your staff. Once you've made a commitment, review the contract very carefully to make sure it includes all the options you discussed with them.

The small business security specialist can analyze your physical layout, your internal procedures, and your vulnerabilities to help you come up with a comprehensive plan.

## Home And Business Security – Top 9 Tips!

We bring you 9 best tips on improving security measures at home and work – so you do not compromise on your peace of mind anymore!

The rising crime-graphs are not only a topic to talk about, but they are food for thought for those of us with families to look after and businesses to see to. With burglaries getting sophisticated as fast as products and services to prevent these do and the fear of punishment fading fast from clever criminal minds with human interest groups working to pacify the offenders in a misguided effort to bring about a better world, there is a lot to worry about for regular folks striving to live peacefully and safely in this unsafe world. However, all is not lost yet and with a little bit of forethought and attention to small details, including raising awareness about basic preventive theft measures, burglar alarm systems and spreading the word about products that work – there is a lot the modern home and business owner can do to control crime, if not stop it completely.

Here's how:

1. Do not be free to part with house or office keys with friends and keep a spare set in a place only you know of; avoid traditional spots like the flower-pot or front door mat as burglars look here first always.
2. Discuss a personal preventability plan with everyone in the family or business set-up so each one knows what is expected of them in order to stay safe and keep the premises safe, too. Consider consulting with a professional security firm on this matter and have a handy property protection plan for dealing with common situations of security breach, including investing in alarms, anti-viruses and intercom systems.
3. Always ensure you secure life first before creating security plan for securing property and other replaceable items.
4. Experts can evaluate your security needs best, so do not hesitate to consult one with your primary security concerns; if they turn out expensive for your budget, scout around till you find one that can effectively meet your security needs within the budget if you cannot raise it.
5. Allow for the professional home and business security experts to understand your specific needs for security on the premises and encourage them to create a customized plan for you: for it to be workable at all times, it needs to be definite and individual to meet all challenges.

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6. Check out if they offer a trial period offer or money-back/compensation guarantee should the system fail; this is the hallmark of a security service provider who will work on integrity of service and also educate you on potential risks you may not have noticed in your current situation.
7. Target all entry points, limit access to the premises and invest in video surveillance units for added security in your home or office, if you can. The cost of these systems and precautions will be well worth your money and peace of mind.
8. Combine audio and video security systems wherever you can for enhanced protection in your home and office; these allow for distinct identification points to be covered that are hard to bypass for the casual trespasser and thus, raise your security levels.
9. Peripheral units for home or business security requirements, such as magnetic door and window switches, motion sensors (that alert the central unit on detecting movement in a certain radius) and installation of strategically placed panic buttons throughout the premises also help to prevent potential security breaches.

## Retailers For Burglar Alarms – Tips On Shopping For Home Security Devices

Check out the best at retailers near your home for the leading brands in home security devices, including burglar alarms, tips on installing them and what support devices you could invest in to increase security measures for your home!

If you've been considering raising the quality of life you are leading, you must have given a thought to investing in a good home security device to ensure your family is protected at all times.

Once the domain of only the rich and powerful – or famous personalities, burglar alarms have entered the ordinary American household much as a part of a necessary security measure as they have in adding to the mental peace enjoyed by home-owners going on vacation or even to the office. With increasing crime rates and lack of availability of neighborhood patrolling systems everywhere, especially in smaller towns and villages, the need for buying quality and reliable home security systems is even more today than in our parent's times.

Thus, burglar alarm systems are the need of the hour for those living alone, those with elderly and infirm family members or kids at home, those with pets and valuables left at home regularly as much as they are with the upper crust. With prices of home security devices becoming more affordable today thanks to open markets and easier trading on a global basis, the manufacturing of burglar alarms too has undergone a vast sea-change and now these devices are available at a fraction of the cost they were retailed at say, ten years ago! There is also more variety in terms of models, DIY units, add-on peripherals and payment options for them besides being available for sale online on various websites that also offer 24 hour customer support and grievances redressal units for happy customers.

Now, whether you choose a wireless burglar alarm system from the retailer or the wired one, the purpose of the unit is the same: to give off an electronic, immediate alarm whenever an unlawful entry is made into your house. Your friendly neighborhood retailer of household security devices can give you more information on different brands and reliable customer feedback on units he

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has sold, so he is a mine of potential information you can use in researching about various good quality and advanced Burglar alarms you can invest in, before actually buying the same.

This small chit-chat conducted casually prior to the purchase can help make you an informed customer who gets value for money, a quality unit for improved home security and also knowledge of the latest types of security gadgets available in the market currently, besides their pricing e.g. open and close circuit, with or without smoke/heat sensors, those with video surveillance units etc.

An alarm is sounded off when the open circuit shuts down in the case of a window or door opening while the closed circuit burglar alarm system functions to sound off the audio alarm at the central unit when its circuit is completely broken.

You can also enquire of your retailer whether you can have a motion sensor fitted with your burglar alarm system and the types that are available with him; these are highly effective for detecting any sort of movement that occurs in a certain, defined radius in your home that is monitored by the security sensors.

Retailers can also give you info on magnetic switches for extra protection against unlawful entry into your home, recommend which brand to buy within your budget and offer you other great deals for improving home security measures – so ask around!

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