



HOME SECURITY ALARMS



Home security has become one of the top things people look for in a property. Along with lot size, square footage, and location, the kind of home security system a house has in place is now truly a deciding factor for buyers. Due to this trend, having a security alarm is not only important when living in a house, but when selling one, as well.

Security Alarm System Overkill

The demand for security alarm systems is increasing, and more and more options are becoming available for residential use. While having more options is certainly good news for homeowners, it can, at times, make it difficult to find the right setup for your household.

When installing a security alarm system that is meant to protect your family and possessions, it's easy to go overboard and end up with a system that is intrusive (and, in turn, might not get used at all). Most people do not require a fingerprint identification lock, but other forms of keyless home entry might be a perfect fit. The best option for your home should be a system that provides a significant amount of protection, but doesn't interfere with the day-to-day life of your family.

The Basic Security Alarm

A standard home security alarm is often a good fit for most households. These systems generally include sensors on all the entry doors, some motion activated outdoor lighting, sensors on windows that are particularly easy to access, and, most importantly, a direct link to a monitoring service. This type of security alarm system will be an excellent deterrent for any would be intruders, but, at the same time, is generally fairly easy for a family to adapt to.

Security Alarm Benefits

Most would say that the biggest benefit of having a home security alarm is the peace-of-mind that comes with it. When something goes wrong (whether you are home or thousands of miles away on vacation), knowing that a system is already in place and that your house has a direct link to the proper authorities is very reassuring.

There may be immediate monetary benefits, as well. Having a security alarm that is connected to a monitoring service can, in some situations, lower homeowner's insurance payments up to 20%. Many monitoring services will also offer a plan to monitor your home for fire, which some insurance companies will also take into account when deducing your premium. In every case, it will decrease the likelihood of losing money due to burglary.

Increase your Home's Resale Value

Along with presenting a clean home; there are many improvements that can be made to a property that will increase its resale value. Adding on a garage, finishing a basement, and remodeling a kitchen, while all good ideas, can be rather costly endeavors. Landscaping a yard for security, installing a home security alarm, and putting in outdoor lighting are much less expensive projects. Despite the lower initial cost, prospective buyers still look upon these kinds of home improvements as important additions to the property they are viewing. ■