



SAFETY IN NUMBERS

Technological advances and whole-house security systems can give you piece of mind

In America, a home is broken into every 90 seconds. You can make sure your home doesn't become a statistic by installing a whole-house security system. A reliable home security system is like a watchdog that never sleeps. For a reasonable installation and equipment fee and a nominal monthly payment—usually between \$25 and \$35—you can get a basic system installed and monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These electronic guardians deliver more than safety; they deliver peace of mind, a commodity in short supply these days and one in which a growing number of Americans are investing. When considering a home-security system, consider first your lifestyle. Do you have a family? Does a family member have special medical needs? Do you own a pet that might set off sensors? These questions will help you tailor your system components to fit your home's requirements.

Typical systems include five primary elements: contacts, motion sensors, a control panel or box, a keypad, and a siren. The contacts are mounted at doors and windows you choose, and are tripped when one is opened.

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