



METERBOXLOCK HOME SECURITY GUIDE

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HOME ALARMS

You can choose from two types of alarm or use a combination of both:

Perimeter systems – This type will give 24hr protection. They use acoustic,reed and vibration sensors. This type of sensor will pick up a more of a forced type entry rather than movement type sensors. This allows your pets to freely move around without setting it off

Motion detectors located inside. This type of alarm you generally set when leaving the house. They detect internal motion so setting it off if you have kids is likely.

MONITERED HOME ALARMS

Well the most expensive way to have even better security is to have a home monitored alarm. If an alarm is tripped the base is notified and they will proceed to contact you and attend if they cant get in touch to check why the alarm was triggered

WIRELESS ALARM TECHNOLOGY

Bluetooth is starting to dominate alarm product with its freedom of use.Its a fast and effective way to transfer information quickly. They use a sim card not unlock your phone. Wireless is superior to the old system of using a landline that can easily be cut. They are cost effective as the need to pay splitters, separate phone equipment ect is eliminated. So wireless will take over from an old

way that used your landline to use wireless for more applications every day.

CCTV SECURITY CAMERAS

24/7 surveillance and recording

Your home is more than a set of belongings. It protects your family and gives a feeling of safety.

Using the latest professional grade technology you can capture and store high definition images of any activity on your property.

HOW DO CCTV SECURITY CAMERAS WORK

They are running 24/7 so this picks up any activity on your property. This is great as it can be sent via remote to wherever you are so you can see what's happening in real time. They provide a great visual deterrent to offenders

WHY CHOOSE A CCTV SECURITY CAMERA?

They give you high quality images that make identifying an intruder easier. They will monitor inside and out provide a live and recorded stream to wherever you can use an internet connection by using advancing technologies

SECURITY FILM

Glass is a very vulnerable material in your home and security film acts as a barrier by holding it together in the event of an impact



OTHER SECURITY METHODS

Window grills offer another even more secure type of deterrent. But these can also be a hazard and in such cases as a house fire the occupants have been trapped by their own security. The grills can be colour matched to the property but are expensive and considered unsightly.

Entry can also be gained through the tiles and then the manhole of a roof. If this is suspected the manhole can be screwed down from the inside of the house preventing it from being lifted and removed.

One of the most basic and obvious preventions is to get in the habit of remembering each night prior to bed, is to simply make sure all your doors are locked. Get into the habit of doing this and you're on your way to a safer and more secure domain.

CHEAP AND EFFECTIVE

If you cannot afford a back to base monitored alarm system with all the bells and whistles the next best thing is to get an imitation of the real thing. A quick Ebay search for fake dome cameras will lead you to identical knockoffs of the real thing for a dime. Cameras that would not be identified as fake come as low as \$5.00 and not much more for security cameras as well. A business that specialises in alarms will be happy to send you several stickers that get displayed on windows stating an alarm is installed on these premises. Those and several fake dome cameras will be more than enough to deter an amateur thief from even trying to break in, all for less than \$50. Major hardware chains also sell these items but are a little more expensive if shopping online isn't your thing.

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CHECK LIST

1. Do you have exterior lighting with movement sensors, front and rear?

Movement sensors automatically switch on outside lights when movement is detected around your house. This is great for deterring burglars and allows you to see if anyone is lurking in the shadows.

2. Is the front of the home visible from the street?

The possibility of being seen by a neighbour or passer-by is a big deterrent for a burglar. A high wall at the front will hide a burglar should they make it over the fence or even walk through the gate. The front of the house should be visible from the street.

3. Do you have a Western Power approved lock with viewing window on your meter box?

Meter boxes should be locked to stop people tampering with your power supply. A viewing window is important so Western Power can still read your meter.

4. Is your shed padlocked?

Not only can your tools be stolen, but if your shed isn't locked, a burglar can find something to help them break in.

5. Does your garage have a roller door?

A roller door protects your car and any possessions in it from thieves.

6. Is the garden enclosed by a high fence, hedge or other barrier?

Most burglaries happen at the rear of the house. If a burglar can be seen walking to the backyard by neighbours or people just passing by, they are less likely to try.

7. Are shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places?

Burglars hate being seen. If you increase the chances of them being seen, you may minimise the risk of burglary too.

8. Do you have an alarm system?

An alarm is a great way of deterring a burglar. If they do try to break-in anyway, a monitored alarm means security won't be too far away.

9. Can all doors be locked securely?

Statistics show that in many burglary cases not all entry points to a home are locked prior to the break-in. Many burglaries could be prevented with secure locks on doors and windows.

10. Could door locks be opened by breaking glass or a light wood panel near the lock?

Some doors have a glass pane either next to the door or as part of the door itself. If keys are left on the inside of the door a burglar could easily break the glass and open it. Ensure that if your door is locked, the keys are out of sight.

11. Is there a peephole or interview grille in the main door?

Burglars have been known to knock to see if anyone is home. People should not open their door to people they do not know. A peephole is essential to maintaining security.

12. Do you have a security door with an Australian Standard triple locking system?

It is important that your door locks are the best you can afford. If good quality locks are used burglars are likely to try their luck somewhere else.

13. Is a deadlock installed on the main door and in good working order?

A deadlock is a great way to deter burglars. If they want to try and break in, it certainly makes it harder

14. Are windows capable of being locked in a partially opened position?

During hot summer months people often leave windows open to allow fresh air to circulate. Make sure that windows can be locked in a partially open position.

15. Are all window locks keyed alike?

In an emergency (such as a fire) windows need to be opened quickly. If all windows have the same key, this makes it easier.

16. Do you have security screens fitted to windows?

Security screens act as a deterrent to burglars and they also increase the effort needed to get in.

17. Do you know the name and telephone numbers of your neighbours?

Neighbours are a great deterrent to burglars. If a burglar knows he is being watched he is likely to try his luck elsewhere. If you know your neighbours you can keep an eye on each other's houses.

CONCLUSION

With these hints, tips and tricks Meterboxlock hopes you, your family and possessions all stay safe. Crime will never go away, it is up to you to not become a victim. Home security starts at your METERBOX. Call Meterboxlock to get your security started on 0416 044 420.

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