

## Residential Security

Most burglars allow themselves one to two minutes to get into a home. Beyond that, the risk of detection becomes too great. A good security strategy slows burglars down and pushes them past these time limits.

The fear of crime and its associated victimization causes some people to purchase home security alarms. But, for an alarm system to be truly effective, a homeowner must first address the physical security of their home.

Invest in quality security hardware and ensure it is properly installed.

Unfortunately, homeowners cannot always assume a new or expensive home contains quality security hardware.

Several areas of the house should be evaluated for optimal safety including:

- [Doors](#)
- [Deadbolts](#)
- [Patio doors](#)
- [Windows](#)
- [Lighting](#)