

## 26 Reasons to Have a Home Security System

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If you are one of the many Americans who have yet to get a home security, then it is not too late to change it. After all, whether you own a bungalow or high-rise condominium, a one level home in an average neighborhood or a multi-level in a gated community, having a home alarm system is one of the best deterrents available. If you are still not certain that a home alarm system is a necessity, then consider this list of the top 10 items stolen in a burglary:

- 22% Cash
- 15% Tools and building supplies
- 11% Home furnishings, televisions, stereos, cameras, computers and bicycles
- 8% Jewelry, furs and silver
- 8% Food, drinks and clothing
- 6% Clothing
- 6% Sporting goods
- 5% Motor vehicles
- 4% Gasoline
- 2% Guns and ammunition

If you read this list and still do not see the need for a home security system, then think about the following crime facts. After all, whether it is having a home alarm system or a wireless home security system in your vacation home, being aware of the facts can be a good incentive for choosing a home security provider:

- There are approximately 97,000 people victimized each day.
- **93%** of homeowners have a garage.
- **90%** of police believe home monitored alarms help deter burglary attempts.
- **89%** of all burglaries go unsolved.

- **88%** of all burglaries are residential in nature.
- **87%** of all home burglaries are preventable.
- **86%** of burglaries occur when people are at home.
- **85%** of burglar alarms were not switched on or being used properly
- **84%** of the Nation's burglaries took place in metro areas.
- **83%** of crimes are not related to motor vehicle theft.
- **81%** of residential intrusions occur through the first floor
- **80%** of break-ins occur through a locked door
- **77%** of all crimes are property crimes.
- It is estimated that you can cut your risks of being burglarized by 72% by having a home security system installed by one of the monitoring companies.
- **68%** of the home invasion cases, the victim and accused were strangers.
- **67%** of all burglars gain entrance somewhere other than the front door.
- Forcible entry burglaries accounted for 62% of burglary offenses.
- **60%** of attempted burglaries on homes that have a home security alarm system are unsuccessful.
- **59%** of burglaries occur while a home is occupied.
- **58%** of burglars come right through your front door.
- **57** Seconds – The average amount of time it takes a burglar to gain entrance to a home.
- **34%** of burglars entered through the front door.
- **19%** – Burglary accounts for 19% of property crime totals.
- **9%** of burglars enter through the garage.
- **2%** of burglars entered somewhere on the second floor.
- The average home intrusion causes in excess of \$1,000 in damages.

A home monitoring service is one of the best investments a home or business owner can make. With just a minimal monthly investment, you can easily protect your family and property. Why not call a home security professional today. It could be one of the best calls you ever make!