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Intruder alarms

Intruders are far less likely to break into a house that has an alarm system. Having said that, there are literally dozens of alarm systems available in Western Australia.

Regardless of how good the alarm system may be, if it is installed incorrectly or is poorly situated, it is of limited use.

It is important to have a reputable police licensed consultant install your alarm system and ensure that it complies with the Australian Standard 2001.

We recommend that you get three quotes from at least three licensed security companies and always ask to see their security licence and identification.

Choosing a lock or alarm

Locks and alarms are both important, and serve different purposes. Whilst an alarm will tell you if an offender has tried to enter your house, your door and window locks will keep them out.

Prevention is better than cure. You should fit and use locks to all external doors and windows. More importantly, be sure that your door and window locks are effective before fitting an alarm system.

Most alarms have battery backup in case the power supply is cut, as well as a panic button so you can set off the alarm if you suspect there is an intruder in your home. There are alarms which can be activated with a keypad and others by remote control.

Other options available for home alarms include smoke alarms, medical alert buttons and 24 hour-a-day monitoring by a monitoring station.

For more information on Home Security, Neighbourhood Watch or to arrange a free home security appraisal by one of our Police Officers, please contact your local Crime Prevention Officer.

[10 Steps to increase home security](#)



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