

# HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS — PROTECT YOUR HOME AND YOUR FAMILY!



## TYPES, COSTS AND POLICIES

New security devices and tools are advertised every day, equipping your home with smart controls, motion sensors, sensors for doors and windows, security cameras, or even classic yard signs and window stickers to intimidate potential intruders.

Monitored systems offer a higher level of security because they are supervised by a central station that alerts you, law enforcement, paramedics and the fire department in case of an emergency.

Unmonitored systems are do-it-yourself systems that you set up, customize and monitor. It's your responsibility to notify first responders in case of an emergency.

## BENEFITS

- Crime deterrent – Many burglars shy away from homes with alarm systems.
- Increased home's value – Future buyers may look at security systems as desirable improvements, increasing the appeal of your home.
- Decreased insurance payments – A security system can reduce your homeowner's insurance premium.
- Peace of mind – Extra defense for your home means you can rest a little easier when you're away at work or on vacation.

## DISADVANTAGES

- False alarms – Alarms can go off and bring law enforcement to your house, potentially costing you when false alarms are frequent.
- Expense – Total costs can be a burden, especially with all the fees that come attached to monitored systems.

Before you commit to any system, do your research. Here's a great website to help you get started:  
<https://www.safehome.org/security-systems/best/>

And, as always, when you have questions about your current or future home, give me a call!