



# AFFORDABLE **HOME SECURITY** TIP SHEET

Home is where the heart is, so it's no wonder our homes are where we store our most valuable things. So, when it comes to home security, you really can't be too safe. Anyone who tells you you're being foolish or paranoid isn't looking out for your best interests. Ignore the naysayers and take your safety and security into your own hands. We hope you'll never have to be glad you did, but it's an awful lot better than being sorry you didn't.

# 1. Sleep with a Panic Button

Imagine spending the night alone in a big, empty house. You peer out the window and see a shadow lurking by the front door. What do you do? Hit your car's panic button to scare the daylights out of that would-be intruder. Just be sure to keep your keys on the nightstand.



# 2. Strategically Place Thorny Plants



Right below the first-floor window is the perfect place for a rosebush. No one in their right mind would get caught up in a thorny shrub, so your window will become an unappealing point of entry.

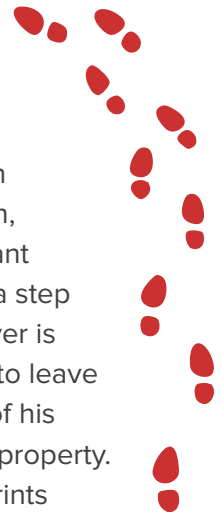
# 4. Pay Attention to Your Neighborhood

Have you noticed any suspicious activity lately? Is that shady-looking car that keeps passing by a potential invader or just your neighbor's creepy son? Is there a particular delivery truck that seems to be spending too much time around your home? These could all be red flags that someone is casing your neighborhood.



# 3. Maintain a "Walked On" Appearance

Most people think to have neighbors check the mail or shovel the driveway when they're on vacation, but if you really want to be safe, take it a step further. Ask whoever is grabbing the mail to leave behind evidence of his presence on your property. How about mud prints leading up to the front door? Or maybe a new plant or two in the garden? How about having that person move your car each day or park theirs in your driveway? Be creative and you're sure to outwit any criminal.

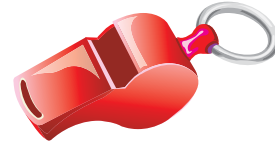


## 5. Get a Free Security Survey

Depending on where you live, you may be eligible for a free security survey from your local police department's crime prevention unit. Contact your local precinct to find out whether this is available in your area.



## 6. Choose Alarm Services Wisely



When you trust someone to install a home security system, you're trusting them with your safety. Get at least three references before you even consider letting someone install any kind of security system. If you can install a security system yourself, that's even better.

## 7. Know Who's at Your Door



Opening the door to a stranger is just asking for trouble. If you're not expecting someone, ask them to identify themselves before you open the door. If it's an unexpected visit from the cable guy, he shouldn't mind waiting while you call the company to confirm.

## 8. Define Boundaries



Consider adding fencing to define where your property ends and another begins. Why? Well, fences really do keep people out. Without them, it's all too easy for anyone to wander from yard to yard.

## 9. Advertise That Your Home is Secured



Putting up a neighborhood watch or home alarm system sticker might seem like an old-fashioned technique, but it still works. If a burglar thinks you might have some sort of security, why would he take the chance?

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## 10. Install a Home Security Camera



Technological advances have made it easy for everyone to have access to the latest home security tools. For example, you can buy a Foscam camera for under \$100, install it yourself and monitor your home from anywhere you have an Internet connection.

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