

Deterring an Intruder at Home

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The best place to start is with the places your home is most vulnerable, and that is the doors and windows. You should buy and install special security locks, and then make sure you never go out without ensuring they are closed and locked. It can only be for a few minutes but that is enough if your defences are down.

It is a good idea to install an intruder alarm at home. There are several types using pressure mats, door opening sensors and movement triggers. Providing you actually switch it on, they will leave you feeling a lot more secure.

Your house is likely to be a target for the main type of burglar who takes opportunities as presented to them. This means open doors, windows left open, anything that can be got at easily. They don't hang about, and two or three minutes is all they need to remove cash or other small items of value

There is another type you have to be very wary of, and that is the professional, who will study your home, look for easy entry points, and regular times when you are definitely not at home, and then they will strike. This is especially true if you have items of value at home that are easy to transport, such as silver, porcelain, and cash. They are able to beat a lot of defences you set up.

You need to deter the professional, and your first priority should be to make it as difficult as possible for them to get in. An alarm box on the wall does deter, but better still is an outside camera surveillance system

If you can afford outside cameras, then go for two, one at the back and one at the front. This will reduce the risk level to almost zero of a burglary as villains will not take the risk of being caught on camera.

Outside camera surveillance is no longer the prerogative of the rich, good systems can be bought quite cheaply. It's a fact that it is the presence of the camera, even if it is a dummy that works, that scares intruders off, and in addition you can have a security light that comes on if there is movement in the dark.

Don't make your display of security too obvious, because that infers there is something of great value in the house, and make professional thieves try harder. Eventually they will work out a way to get in, so just keep the level of surveillance within reason.

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