

10 KEY ADVANTAGES OF HAVING A MONITORED SECURITY SYSTEM

Many homes come with an alarm system installed but with no monitoring service attached. Homeowners sometimes *falsely* believe that an activated security system will work just as well as one that is monitored. An activated security system is one that can be armed and disarmed. A monitored system is one that is linked to service that can summon appropriate help when the alarm goes off.

In order for you to protect your family and your possessions, an **activated** and **monitored** security system is crucial. Here are ten key advantages of having a monitored security system.

1. **HELP IS ON THE WAY.** With a monitored system help is on the way within minutes of a home invasion when the alarm has been triggered.
2. **ALARM APATHY.** Unfortunately, we can't all depend on neighbors hearing the alarm and calling for help. Most break-ins occur during the day when neighbors are at work. With the abundance of car alarms and false alarms a lot of people no longer react to the sound of an alarm.
3. **PERSONAL SAFETY.** In the event of a home invasion during the night while you are sleeping, the security system will sound an alarm that will alert you to the fact there could be an intruder. If your home is monitored you know that help is being summoned. If you are home alone and hear something you can activate your system – the sound of the alarm may scare off the intruder and you can summon emergency assistance as well.
4. **FIRE MONITORING.** With a smoke detector wired into your alarm system help will be summoned whether *you are home or not* even if the alarm is turned off. A smoke alarm that is not monitored cannot call for help. If it is wired into your system the fire department will automatically be dispatched when notification is received. Seconds count in a fire – make sure your pets and valuables have help on the way when you are not home.
5. **FAMILY PROTECTION.** With a monitored system someone is instantly alerted that an invasion has occurred – this can keep family members from walking in on a potentially dangerous situation.
6. **PROTECTION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS.** With a monitored system help will be on the way within minutes. If an alarm goes off and no one responds, the invader knows he has time to take more household goods and will often make several trips in and out instead of simply grabbing a few items and fleeing.



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7. **SAVINGS ON HOME INSURANCE.** Many insurance companies offer *substantial* savings to homeowners who have monitored systems. Often times the savings cover the cost of annual monitoring.
8. **DETERS POTENTIAL THEIVES.** Research has shown that homes that display signs that indicate the home is under a monitoring agreement are less likely to be broken into.
9. **PANIC BUTTONS.** Almost every alarm system has an instant panic button. Pressing and holding one of these buttons will send an instant panic signal to the monitoring station which will dispatch emergency help to your home. Without monitoring these buttons and their benefits are of no use to you.
10. **OUT OF TOWN.** If you are out of town when your residence is broken into and no one is made aware of the situation your home is vulnerable to further damage. With monitoring someone will be made aware of the situation and the home can be secured much quicker.



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