



Home Secure Calculator

Plan the right system before speaking with a salesperson

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Includes checklists, worksheets, cost considerations, and a free estimate



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How to use this guide

Review the checklists, mark your security priorities, and use the free-estimate link to turn your plan into an equipment list and budget range.

What you will receive

- A simple framework for planning home security.
- A device plan prioritized by area of the home.
- A checklist to complete before requesting quotes.
- Budget levels for comparing basic, balanced, and complete options.
- A seven-day action plan and planning worksheet.

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1. Why this guide matters

A good security system should be easy to understand, easy to use, and appropriate for your home. You do not always need to buy everything at once. The most important step is knowing which doors, windows, areas, and alerts should be covered first.

Use this guide to build a simple plan, then get a free estimate to compare equipment, monitoring, and installation before requesting quotes.

The goal is to help you make an informed decision without feeling pressured by salespeople or confusing advertisements.

Planning principle

Start with your risk, routines, and comfort level. A useful plan should fit both the home and the people who use it every day.

2. Recommended starting plan

Use this table as a practical starting point. Your final setup may change based on the property layout, Wi-Fi coverage, local provider offers, and personal preferences.

Area	Recommended starting point	Why it matters
Main entrance	Video doorbell, smart lock, door sensor	Helps with visitors, deliveries, and access control.
Back or side door	Door sensor and outdoor camera if needed	Covers entrances many households forget.
Accessible windows	Sensors on first-floor or concealed windows	Adds protection without covering every window at first.
Hallway or common room	Well-positioned motion sensor	Provides broad coverage while no one is home.
Life safety	Smoke/CO alerts and water sensor	Home security also includes emergencies.

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3. Checklist before requesting a quote

Complete these items before requesting a quote. The more specific your plan is, the easier it will be to compare options fairly.

Done	Action	Notes
☐	List every exterior door and easy-to-reach window.	
☐	Choose self-monitoring or professional monitoring.	
☐	Place cameras at entrances, not in private spaces.	
☐	Use temporary codes for visitors, relatives, or workers.	
☐	Confirm Wi-Fi works where cameras will be installed.	
☐	Ask about equipment, installation, activation, and monthly fees.	
☐	Test alerts before depending on the system.	
☐	Store your plan, support codes, and instructions safely.	

4. Budget planning

Prices vary by brand, installation, monitoring, promotions, and property complexity. Use these levels to decide what should come first and what can wait.

Budget level	Best for	What to prioritize
Basic	Apartment or small home	Video doorbell, key sensors, and phone alerts.
Balanced	Average family home	Entry sensors, main cameras, smoke/CO, and a monitoring option.
Complete	Large home or added peace of mind	More sensors, professional installation, monitoring, and additional alerts.

Cost-clarity tip

Ask providers to separate equipment, installation, activation, monitoring, taxes, and cancellation terms. This makes quotes easier to compare.

5. Common mistakes to avoid

- Buying equipment before listing doors and windows.
- Looking only at the initial price and forgetting monthly or installation costs.
- Placing cameras where they affect privacy.
- Failing to confirm Wi-Fi reaches outdoor cameras.
- Not testing alarms, notifications, and access codes before they are needed.

Better buying question

Instead of asking, "What is the cheapest system?" ask, "Which setup covers my main concerns without adding equipment I do not need right now?"

6. Seven-day action plan

Day	Action
Day 1	Walk around the home and mark the main entrances.
Day 2	Decide who needs permanent or temporary access codes.
Day 3	Choose DIY or professional installation.
Day 4	Review a comfortable upfront and monthly budget.
Day 5	Get your free estimate in English.
Day 6	Compare providers using the same equipment list.
Day 7	Save the plan and share it with your household.

7. Planning worksheet

Use these questions to prepare before getting an estimate or speaking with a provider.

Question	Your notes
What is your biggest security concern?	
Which doors are used every day?	
Do you want professional monitoring or phone alerts?	
How much can you comfortably pay each month?	
Do you prefer DIY or professional installation?	

8. Next step

You do not need to know every equipment model before you begin. Start with your home type, size, main concern, monitoring preference, and installation preference. The free estimate will help organize the plan into an equipment list and budget range.

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