

Secure your home

A competent professional installer who is a member of one of the recognised alarm trade regulating organisations such as NACOSS or SSAIB should be employed to fit alarm systems. There are several local companies that can do this.

Details of these installers can be found in Yellow Pages or the Thompson Local Directory.

If you require any further assistance or information then please contact either 01423 539347 or 01423 556986 to speak to a local crime reduction practitioner.

Alternatively, get advice on home security from www.crimereduction.gov.uk



Safer Communities Partnership

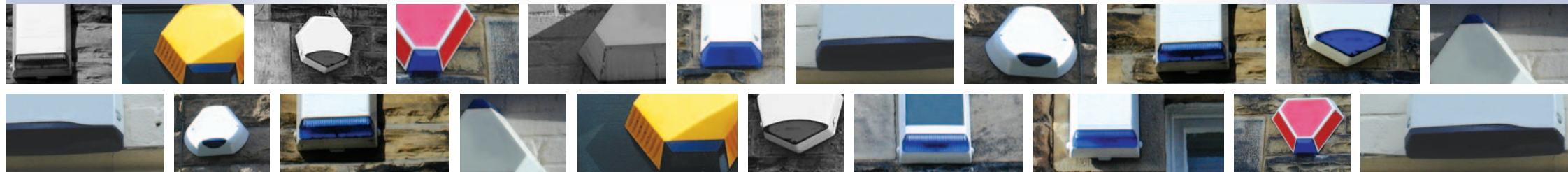
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Security Alarm Systems



**REDUCING DOMESTIC BURGLARY
TO MAKE YOU FEEL SAFER**

Look after your property



Burglar alarms do work

When looking for a suitable opportunity for burglary, the burglars will do a risk assessment, the same as anyone else would, before carrying out a task. Therefore it is **not worth** the additional risk to them to burgle an alarmed house when others nearby **do not have alarms**.

Until every house in a street has an alarm fitted, houses that do not have alarms are at a higher risk of being burgled.

An alarm is a visible deterrent. A burglar is unlikely to look to see what other security is in place. They will generally not bother to go down the driveway.

Police crime statistics show that very few houses that have alarm systems fitted are subsequently burgled. Usually if they are burgled, these will be isolated houses some way from Police response.

Electronic alarm systems are not expensive to fit.

It is sometimes said, that the fitting of an alarm is an indication of wealth and that there is something worth stealing within the house. Historically that may have been the case, when alarms were very expensive and therefore only wealthy people had them. Now-a-days alarms are inexpensive and **most households** contain items of property that are **worth stealing**.

Another comment that is often made is, that one hears alarms going off and no one appears to respond. That may be the case but it should be remembered that an alarm is intended to be a visible deterrent and not an aid to detection. More often than not, the alarm activation will be a false one, due to malfunctioning of poorly installed equipment.

Remember. Keep them out-fit an alarm