

12-Point Home Security Checklist

Walk your property with this. Every box you can't check is a gap someone else can find.



01 Every exterior door has a monitored contact sensor

Front, back, garage-to-house, and any side or basement door. Burglars use doors far more than windows.



02 Ground-floor windows are covered

Contact sensors on the ones that open, glass-break sensors for rooms with several windows.



03 Cameras cover approaches, not just the front porch

Side gates, garage approach, driveway, and the back yard are where break-ins actually start.



04 Cameras record 24/7, not just motion clips

Motion-only recording misses the moment before the event. Continuous recording catches everything.



05 A camera sees your driveway plates

One camera angled low enough to read a license plate is worth more than three that only show hats.



06 The doorbell camera has two-way audio

See and talk to whoever is at the door from anywhere — and let package thieves know they're on camera.



07 Your alarm has cellular backup

Cut the internet, cut a WiFi-only alarm. Cellular backup keeps monitoring live no matter what.



08 Smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors are monitored

A monitored detector dispatches the fire department while you're asleep or away. A store-bought one just beeps.



09 A flood sensor sits under the water heater and washer

Cheapest sensor in the system, prevents the most expensive damage.



10 Smart locks replace hidden spare keys

Unique codes for family, cleaners, and contractors — revoked in seconds. No key under the mat.



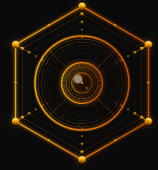
11 The garage door reports open/closed

The most common 'oops' entry point. Get an alert if it's left open and close it from your phone.



12 Someone real is monitoring, and there's no contract

A push notification isn't monitoring. And a good company doesn't need to lock you in for 60 months.



Before You Sign With Anyone

Seven questions to ask any security company — including us.

1 Is there a contract? How long?

If the answer is 36, 42, or 60 months, ask why they need to lock you in. HYVE: month-to-month, always.

2 What does it cost to cancel?

Early-termination fees are often 75–100% of remaining payments. Get the number in writing before you sign.

3 Does it auto-renew?

Many contracts silently renew for another year unless you send written notice 30–60 days early.

4 Who owns the equipment?

If they own it, you can't take it with you or switch monitoring companies.

5 Is monitoring by real people, with cellular backup?

A phone notification is not monitoring. Cellular backup means it works when the internet doesn't.

6 Does recording run 24/7 or only on motion?

Motion-only clips miss the seconds that matter. Ask for continuous recording.

7 Who shows up if something breaks?

Local technicians or an offshore support line? Ask for the name of the person who'll answer.

Want us to walk your property with you? It's free.

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