

# Do It Yourself Home Security Systems



## Burglary And Home Security Statistics

The following statistics are mentioned here to emphasize the importance of home alarm systems and how vital they are when it comes to protecting you and your family.

The statistics have been gathered from both national and private sector sources. Their research is credible and the figures speak for themselves.

To give us a more global picture, findings from both the United States and from overseas (specifically the United-Kingdom) have been listed.

Alarm systems or home burglar alarms as they are called are an excellent way to prevent break-ins, discourage burglars, and keep unwanted intruders and criminals out of your home.

For more information on your DIY alarm system choices, visit the [home security review](#) page.

For valuable advice concerning home security systems, and practical do-it-yourself tips and techniques, visit [www.do-it-yourself-home-security-systems.com](http://www.do-it-yourself-home-security-systems.com).

### In The United States:

**In the US, a burglary takes place every 15.4 seconds.**

**Homes without security systems are about 3 times more likely to be broken into than homes with security systems.**

**Most (62.4 percent) of residential burglaries in 2005 for which time of occurrence was known took place during the day, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

**The average dollar loss per burglary offense in 2005 was \$1,725.**

**Losses due to burglary average \$400 less in residences with security systems than for a residence without security systems.**

**94 percent of alarm owners are satisfied with their alarm systems.**

**A study in Connecticut showed that 41 percent of alarmed homes that were burglarized, the security system was not turned on.**

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**Sources:**

[http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius\\_00/00crime1.pdf](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius_00/00crime1.pdf)

**US Department of justice-FBI-Uniform Crime Reporting Program**  
[http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/offenses/property\\_crime/burglary.html](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/offenses/property_crime/burglary.html)

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### Overseas (specifically the UK):

Demographically those households with no home security measures were 19.4% more at risk of burglary than other groups.

Burglaries occurred during the week (Monday-Friday) in 68 per cent of cases.

The time of day burglaries took place was evenly distributed over the day, with 44 percent in the day and 56 percent at night.

Over half of the offenders felt deterred by occupancy, visible burglary alarms or high visibility at the point of entry.

Burglars had a preference for gaining entrance through doors as opposed to windows (69% compared to 28%).

The most critical risk factor for burglary was having no home security measures.

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Source:

<http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/ipak/evidencebase/burglary001.pdf>