

## Do it Yourself Home Security

Why throw away money and time when installing a home security system? Whether installing a hardwired or wireless security system, doing it yourself is easy and extremely cost effective. And self-installation is much easier than you may think. Don't be intimidated by the technology and options. All it takes is planning, purchasing, and installing.

### Planning for Your Security System Needs

First, draw a map of the area you plan to secure, and include all the various components (windows, doors, etc.) you want to cover. Then, decide on the type of alarm system you want. The most basic system will sound an alarm in order to frighten intruders. A better system will sound an alarm and notify you right away via telephone. An ideal solution is a security system that will do both these things, as well as notify the police. This can be accomplished by adding 24 hour monitoring, a service that many companies charge separately.

If you need help planning your system, call one of our security specialists at 524-4279. They are available six days a week to answer your questions.

### Purchasing a System

Once you've decided on the security system and accessories you need, it's time to make the purchase. Shop around for the best price and service. Marks of a good company are:

- Having the best prices on quality products
- Excellent customer service, before and after the sale
- Free technical support to help you if needed
- Great customer satisfaction reviews

### Installing a System

Tools required for installation are minimal. A screwdriver, measuring tape, and wire strippers are usually all that is needed. Here are some procedure guidelines:

For Hardwired Systems:

- Install battery backup
- Install accessories (contact sensors, motion detectors, etc.)
- Measure and lay out wire
- Connect wire to sensors
- Configure circuit board (it is a simple circuit and very easy to connect and operate)
- Program control panel (codes and options are included in installation manual)
- Mount control panel on the wall
- Test sensors

For Wireless Systems:

- Install battery backup
- Program control panel and sensors

- Connect hardwire, power, phone, and siren contacts
- Program any alternative device
- Mount to the wall
- Test sensors

## Help is Available

For any answers to any questions, tech support is standing by six days a week to assist you. Call us at 524-4454 / 524-4279 / 524-4465 / 536-7449. Or visit our [website](#) and see what we have to offer you.