

Security Systems Reduce Burglaries...

Homes without security systems are about 3 times more likely to be broken into than homes with security systems. (Actual statistic ranges from 2.2 times to 3.1 times, depending on the value of the home.)

Businesses without alarm systems are 4.5 times more likely to be burglarized than commercial locations with electronic security in place. Losses due to burglary average \$400 less in residences with security systems than for a residence without security systems. Source: An Academic Study of Home and Business Security, Temple University Department of Economics Simon Hakim and Andrew Buck, 1992

Police Believe Security Systems Reduce Burglaries...

In 1994, the International Association of Chiefs of Police passed a Board Resolution stating that professionally installed and monitored alarm systems are useful instruments to deter crime and provide peace of mind for residential and business owners. More recently, in a survey of 1,000 police and fire chiefs, 85 percent of the police officials said security systems decrease the likelihood a home will be burglarized. Almost 90 percent felt security systems increase their chances of apprehending burglars, and 85 percent said they encourage the installation of electronic security systems in residences and businesses in their communities. Source: Private Security Report from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration

A new study conducted by *Security Sales & Integration* and sister publication *Police* has found that 96 percent of the law enforcement community believes the alarm industry is of value to both police and civilians. Other key results of the study include: More than half of the respondents report cooperative relationships with alarm companies; Nearly nine in 10 law officers who have their own security alarm systems use them regularly; 84 percent of police say alarm systems are an effective means to protect people and property; and 56 percent of all agencies have no plans to implement any policy changes related to false alarms.

People Feel Safe with Security Systems...

94 percent of alarm owners are satisfied with their alarm systems. Nearly 90 percent of U.S. households rate home security alarms as moderately or very effective, according to a Consumer Home Security Study conducted in part by the National Family Opinion Research Institute.

Source: Security Industry Association Research Update Vol.3, 2001

Facts about Burglar Bars...

California has passed laws requiring that security bars used on escape windows be releasable and that all security bars be labeled with safety information. Mississippi and Texas have laws with varying requirements. Underwriters Laboratories has set standards for window-bar releasing systems.

Source: National Fire Protection Association (www.NFPA.org)