



Security Systems for Garages

Security systems for garages are advisable because garages are often targeted by burglars, not just because they can contain so much more than cars - motorcycles, bicycles, power and hand tools and ladders, for example - but because the garage door is often one of the weak points of home security. Once inside a garage a burglar can generally work uninterrupted.

Keep your garage door well maintained so that it opens and closes smoothly, and is not damaged in any way that might allow it to be prised open. If the door is manually operated use a heavy duty padlock to secure it.

In the event of access to your home from within the garage, ensure that the internal door is heavy duty - just like your front door; and that it is fitted with a deadbolt lock; and that this door is kept locked all the time. It can be useful to fit a spy hole into the door so that if at anytime you think an intruder is in your garage, you can clarify without entering. As added security you could use a g-clamp between the inside of the door and the frame to prevent it rising.

If your garage door is remotely operated then change the combination of the garage door opener from the factory setting.

Any windows in the garage should be frosted over or covered with a blind so that no-one can look in and see what you have inside. Fitting a couple of heavy duty steel slats, well secured, across the inside of the window frame should deter anyone from climbing in after smashing the glass.

Enhanced security systems for garages can include surveillance cameras and motion detectors just as you could install within your home.