



Phase 2

Alarms



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Introduction

Alarms



Introduction

Alarms are basically used to alert you that someone or something has approached your home/property. They come in various different forms and sizes ranging from live animals to mechanical devices.

It doesn't matter if your system is simple or complex, just make sure you have one. The outside alarm is your first step to your home defense. An early warning system gives you time to fall back to the fortification of your home.



Examples

Different Types of Alarms



Alarms

Outside examples:

- ▶ Dogs
- ▶ Ducks/Guinea
- ▶ Chimes
- ▶ Motion sensors
- ▶ Noise makers

Inside examples:

- ▶ Dogs
- ▶ Door chimes
- ▶ Bells



Why

How Alarms are Important



Why

The alarm is a good way to be alerted if something or someone has come near or inside your property. It gives you more time to react should the foreign presence be a danger.

It can also serve as a deterrent for any possible aggressors as most will not want to continue with their plans if they fear being caught.



Dogs

All In One



Dogs

A dog that is a part of your defense plan doesn't have to be aggressive. Most dogs are naturally loyal and have a keen desire to protect their "pack." Even the yappy dogs that bark are a deterrent, delay, and alarm all in one. (On that note teach your dog to bark when appropriate, otherwise, you can learn to ignore their warnings.)

I can't tell you how many times a dog has come after me while working as a deputy. I had to constantly be on guard for any that might just come around the corner.

I've had times where a family called me for help and I couldn't even get into the yard until they got the dog and let me in.



Double Feature Chime

Wireless Chime and Alarm



Double Feature Chime

The wireless alarm can be used for a door or a window. It has an alarm or a chime setting. You can set the alarm to go off when you are away from home or asleep. Or you could use the chime feature to sound every time the door is opened.

The alarm setting is made to be extremely loud. It is designed to scare off the intruder and possibly alert your neighbors if they live close enough to hear it.

Some alarms are so loud that it renders you unable to think clearly. As a deputy I was asked to clear a home that had a break-in while the owner was away. When I went through the front door, the alarm was so loud that I had to leave the house and call the owner for the pass code to shut it off before I could re-enter.

It has actually been the neighbors that had called in the break-in because they had heard the alarm going off from their homes.



Response

What to do



Response

What do you do if your alarm goes off? If it was outside, obviously you need to investigate. Find out what set off the alarm and decide whether or not there is a threat. If the individual that set off the alarm is a stranger (i.e. mailman, delivery guy, solicitor, etc.) always make sure that you have some sort of barrier between you and them. That way you have time to resist or retreat should they become a danger. Never completely trust someone you don't know. Many attackers pretend to be someone in a uniform in order to get your guard down.

If the alarm goes off inside, then they have already breached your house and are not likely to have good intentions. Immediately prepare to use the ambush phase, however, do not engage until you are have PID (positively identified) that the threat is indeed real and not some misunderstanding. (i.e. teenager sneaking back inside from a late night out)



Homework

Research



Homework

- ▶ Set up at least one outside alarm
- ▶ Set up at least one alarm inside your home (preferably on every door and window – if you are constrained by the cost, then try to purchase one every week or so until you have enough)
- ▶ Choose something that works within your budget and your circumstances
- ▶ No need to get fancy, as long as it alerts you, that is all that matters



Important Notes

Don't Forget



Important Notes

1. Having an alarm system on both the outside and the inside of your home provides a backup system (should one fail, the other is sure to alert you)
2. If you don't already have a dog in your home, consider getting at least one if your circumstances allow, I can't stress enough their contribution to home defense

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