Alarm System Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Alarm System**

☐ **Know what you expect the alarm system to achieve in terms of protection.**

☐ **Decide if you want the alarm system to link to a 24 hour monitoring service provided by a vendor.**

☐ **Survey your home and determine how many windows and doors you want to be integrated into the home security system.**

☐ **Determine possible locations for the control panel and keypads.**

☐ **Determine how far away windows and doors are from the control panel.**

☐ **Choose a system with a control panel that can monitor all the zones you have in your home.**

☐ **Make certain that a wireless system can perform up to the distance of the farthest zone.**

☐ **Be certain that the system you choose can accept fire-protection sensors, carbon monoxide sensors etc.**

☐ **Make certain that inputting codes into the keypad is not a complicated process.**

☐ **Work the keypad of the system you select to assure yourself that it is easy to use.**

☐ **Alarm Systems Company**

☐ **Ask if the company carries general liability, workman's compensation, and errors/omissions insurance.**

☐ **Ask to see the company's business license.**

☐ **Ask for referrals of other customers in your area that have had systems installed like the one you are considering.**

☐ **Ask if the company has been established for three to five years.**

☐ **Ask where alarm system monitoring center is located.**

☐ **Be sure the company does the entire installation and does not subcontract work.**

☐ **Review the contract carefully before you sign.**

☐ **Know what the warranty period is and what is included in the warranty.**