

How TO SELECT A BURGLAR ALARM

Burglars dislike noise—it attracts attention. A barking dog is a good deterrent in preventing burglaries. However, never totally depend on a watch dog. Some professional burglars have been known to carry delectable "dog snacks" in their pockets. When bribed, some watch dogs make friends easily and forget their purpose of guarding the premises. The **most reliable** safe-guard to protect your home and possessions is a **reliable alarm**.

Many types of burglar alarms can be obtained for residential use. It is advisable, however, that basic hardware security measures be followed first. If additional security is desired, the following recommendations could be helpful:

1. Request a home demonstration of the alarm in your home, not at their office.
2. An audible alarm is recommended over silent alarms for residential use in order to first protect people and secondly to protect property.

A RELIABLE ALARM SHOULD INCLUDE:

- A. A battery-powered fail-safe back-up.
- B. A re-arming capability and siren timer shut-off.
- C. Read-out availability to check that system is working.
- D. Siren-sounding device that can be installed on exterior of home to alert neighbors of possible intrusion.

When shopping for an alarm system, take this list with you.

SECONDARY BARRIER

If the value of small personal items warrants protection, a secondary barrier is an additional safeguard. On a hinging closet door, install a 1" deadbolt lock. Store your jewelry, furs, cameras, guns, silverware and other valuables behind this barrier. Be sure to "pin" the hinges and disguise the door as best as possible.