



## Camera Systems? Make Sure.

As crime seems to be on the increase we're getting a lot of questions from folks about camera systems. We've been installing and servicing cameras for a long time for both homes and businesses and we'd like to see if we can cut through some of the misconceptions that a lot of people seem to have about them.

First of all, just like your alarm system, a camera system is not designed to keep intruders out. It's simply designed to let you know that something happened. They are not necessarily the deterrent that people seem to think they are.

Most camera systems don't really do much to put the bad guys in prison. Yes, sometimes they pick up enough information for law enforcement to use in court, but generally the kind of detailed video necessary just isn't possible or at least practical -despite what you might see on TV crime shows.

However, of all the camera systems we've installed, we've never seen anyone unhappy that they've put one in. Having eyes on your property whether you're home or not can be very comforting. Literally seeing answers to questions you had about something that happened around your house or business is valueable.

Of course, some cameras are better than others. If you really want to catch every license plate that drives by your house, it might be possible, but be prepared to shell out. We can make sure you have plenty of weeks of video history always available to go back and see. And of course, digital is quickly taking over the older analog technology. There's so much more information about this fast moving technology that just won't fit in our little newsletter. Please give us a call and we'll be happy to stop by and go over all of the advantages and disadvantages of having a camera system. Whether you end up installing a kit you pick up from Costco, or getting everything from us, we'll be happy to help you end up with something that can provide you a great deal of comfort.

### A Reminder:

Please make sure your monitoring information is correct and up to date. Knowing your verbal password is very important for us to verify that you are who you say you are. You will be asked for it if you call to make any changes or if we call you because your alarm system tripped. If you don't remember your verbal password, give us a call while things are calm and we'll ask you a few questions to verify your identity. From there, we can help you update your monitoring information. Thank You!

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