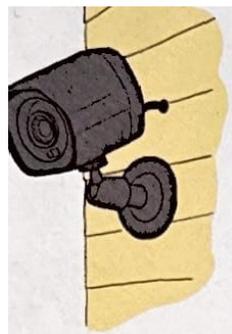


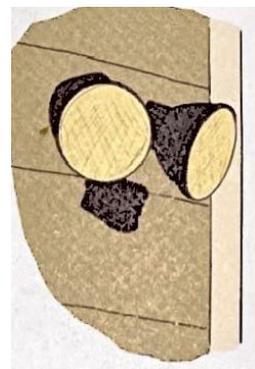
► FORTIFYING YOUR HOME

The more difficult your home is to penetrate, the more likely a criminal will *choose* an easier target. There *are* some simple solutions that will increase your safety and help you protect your family. They include:

SECURITY CAMERAS There are many different types of cameras, ranging from quite cheap ones that can be set up with relative ease to more complicated ones that will require a company to install. You can choose to have some scattered around the house or focusing on the main entry point. Anything is better than nothing, and simply knowing that they may be caught committing a crime on camera will be enough to deter some criminals.



MOTION SENSOR LIGHTS It has been proven that motion-triggered lights deter many would-be intruders, and they are cheap and simple to install. They can be bought from a hardware store and placed at outside entry points. Be aware that they can be triggered by motion, so having a dog in the backyard at night or large branches in the sensors' range on a windy night may continually set them off. It may take some experimenting to get the positioning right for *you*.



FORTIFY YOUR HOME'S ENTRY POINTS Thirty-four percent of intruders *enter* a house through the front door. Most of the time it was unlocked, but other times the door was kicked in. Make sure to lock your front door, especially at night. Install good security screen doors and safety chains, with double locks on the main door. Some intruders will knock to make sure no *one* is home. Always keep the screen door locked, so that, if you answer the door, you have one line of defense between you and a possible home invader.

SECURE YOUR WINDOWS The next-most-common entry points are windows. Make sure that your windows have locks and that you use them.- Window alarms work when the Intruder slides the window but not when they break them. A simple way to fortify them is security window film. It's a transparent film that makes windows harder to break or shatter.

BELLS OR CHIMES Install them on your doors so that they are set off whenever the door is opened or closed. If you know that you are alone in the house and you hear the sound, you know to take action to deal with an intruder.

DOGS When interviewed, most thieves say they would be deterred if a house had a large dog in residence. This should never be a reason to get a dog, as they require care and attention, but if you love dogs and have the time to care for them, they can help keep intruders away.



TREES AND SHRUBS These are a long-term plan, as they will take time to grow once planted, but if people can't see the target, they will be less tempted to rob it.

CACTUSES Planted under your first-floor windows, they will prevent would- be intruders from breaking and entering in these locations, due to the painful, prickly barrier these plants present.

WEAPONS What type of weapon you have in your house will depend on the laws in your country, but arming yourself and making sure you are educated to competently use your weapon of choice will allow you to protect yourself if all else has failed.

Urban survival is all about your ability to survive a widespread disaster while remaining in a densely populated urban environment. You will need all your survival attitudes to help yourself and others through these often life- hanging events, remaining positive and adaptable while being proactive to make the situation better for everyone, One step at a time, one job at a time, make today better than yesterday to rebuild your future.