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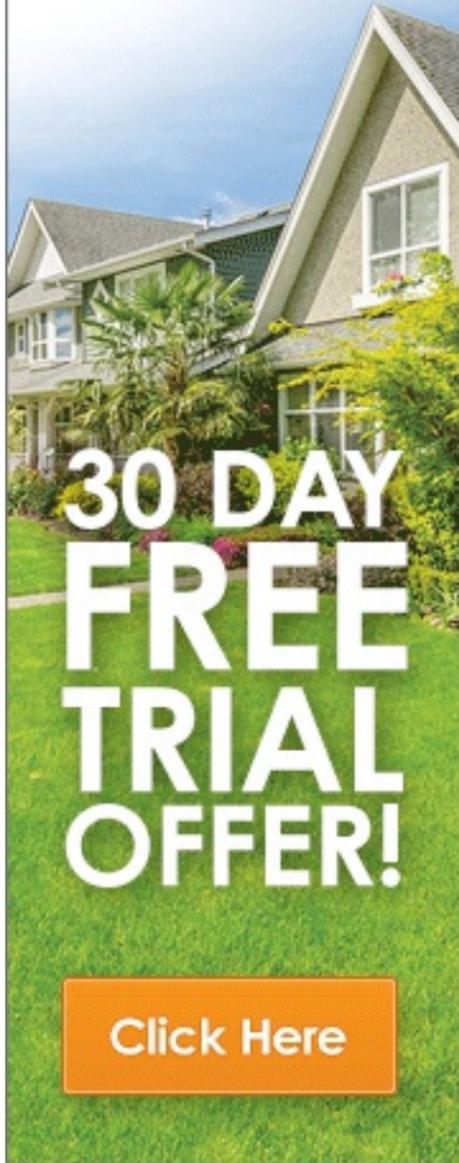
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A Closer Look: Alarm systems each have their strengths, weaknesses

by [Rob Parker](#)

Originally posted at [London Free Press](#)

With many homeowners heading south for extended periods of time this winter, the question is often asked: "Do I need a home burglar alarm system, and if so, what kind?"

Though helpful, alarm systems are no substitute for good physical security. In most cases, well-planned landscaping and exterior lighting, sturdy doors and windows and quality locks provide better and more cost-effective protection against burglars.

If you live in an "average" neighbourhood, where your home is much like those around it, your house has well-secured doors and windows and you take basic security precautions, you probably don't need to consider an alarm; but an alarm system might be a good choice if:

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alarm system can provide.

Once you've decided you need an alarm, you must then decide which type is right for you. There are generally two types: perimeter alarms, designed to protect doors and windows, and area alarms that protect interior spaces. A perimeter alarm system provides protection through a network of sensors on doors and windows. A sensor can be a magnetic contact, strip of foil tape or a vibration detector that triggers an alarm when a door or window is opened or broken.

A popular type of perimeter system includes small plastic disc-shaped sensors that stick in the corner of a window. They sense the sound waves transmitted when the glass breaks. Should a burglar try to get in by prying open a door or window or smashing the glass, the alarm will be activated before the burglar can enter the home.

An area alarm system relies on electronic sensors to "sweep" a portion of a room or hallway. Sensors come in many forms with varying functions. They are designed to respond to changes in light, pressure, temperature, sound or movement.

Sensors used in both perimeter and area alarm systems are connected, either by wires or miniature radio transmitters, to a central control panel. Wireless systems are easier to install, but replacing the batteries that power the transmitters can be time-consuming and costly. Wireless systems are also harder to test for correct operation.

Remember that a perimeter alarm acts like an early warning system, detecting an intruder who is still outside; the area alarm will only alert you only after the intruder has broken in.

In fact, unless you have a sensor in every room and hallway, the intruder may spend considerable time in your home before

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actually setting off an alarm.

On the other hand, because of their greater sensitivity, area protectors are generally more difficult to bypass or disable.

Though no alarm is perfect or right for every situation, the most effective alarm systems use a combination of motion and heat detectors in key locations to enhance a good perimeter alarm.

The alarm you choose should be tailored to your specific security needs, your lifestyle and your home's design.

Some contact-type window alarms, for example, can't be used on window frames in older homes that have warped with age.

Area alarms may not be suitable if they might be triggered by a pet or by a child who gets up in the night to use the bathroom. However, most combination systems allow for the area alarm system to be bypassed at night with the perimeter alarm remaining active.

Before you buy an alarm, take time to find out what different systems can and cannot do. Every system has its strengths and weaknesses. The Better Business Bureau, your local chamber of commerce, provincial licensing authorities, reputable locksmiths and people you know who have alarm systems already installed are good sources for recommending reputable security companies that sell, install and service alarm systems.

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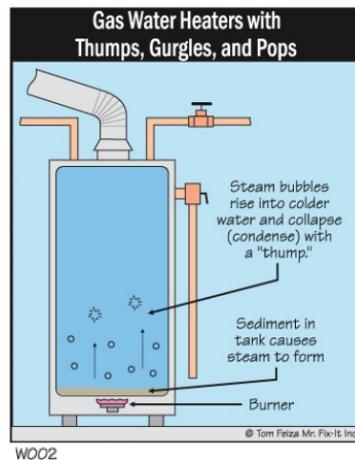
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The illustration shows a gas water heater with this problem. The sediment interferes with even heat transfer and allows steam bubbles to form. The bubbles float upward and then implode with a muffled thump.

You could try to drain sediment from the bottom of the tank. Attach a hose to the bottom of the tank. Attach a hose to the drain valve and route it to a safe plumbing fixture, such as a floor drain. Be careful; the water will be hot. Drain a few gallons; repeat this several times. Often, though, sediment is difficult to remove from the tank.

The thumping does not cause any damage to the water heater, but it certainly is annoying. Consider installing a water softener to eliminate the hard water sediment.

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Toddler Saves Brother from Fallen Dresser

BY ELIZABETH KOH

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When Kayli Shoff and her husband Ricky first put a video monitor in their twin boys' bedroom, the camera was meant to keep an eye on them in their Utah home. She hardly expected that the camera would capture a terrifying accident involving one of her sons — or his brother's efforts to save him.

But on New Year's Eve, the Shoffs posted a [video](#) to YouTube showing 2-year-old twins Bowdy and Brock trying to climb a white dresser in the corner of their bedroom when the furniture collapsed on Brock, pinning him underneath.

Bowdy, after climbing over the dresser, can be seen in a longer clip pushing the furniture off his brother, who despite crying is able to sit up and look around again.

Ricky Shoff shared the video on Facebook Sunday, noting that he was "a little hesitant to post this."

"I feel it's not only to bring awareness, but it is also incredible," he added. "We are so grateful for the bond that these twin brothers share. We know Bowdy was not alone in moving the dresser off of Brock. And feel blessed that he is ok."

Kayli Shoff told KSL that on the day of the accident, neither she nor her husband heard the falling furniture.

"I usually hear everything," Shoff said. "I didn't hear a cry; didn't hear a big thud."



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But Shoff also marveled at her other son's actions saving his brother.

"He sat there and thought, he tried to lift it up first and obviously that didn't work, so he just pushed with all of his might and it pushed it right off of his brother," Shoff told 7News.

"I really believe in a twin bond, you always hear that, and I really think these two have it," Shoff told the station.

In a 2014 study, staffers at the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated that about 360 children age 10 or younger had been killed by falling televisions, furniture or appliances between 2000 and 2013. The Shoffs, after seeing the footage and realizing what had happened, immediately secured the dresser to the wall with screws.

They decided to also share the footage from the video monitor to help other families learn from their mistake.

"Everybody needs to bolt your dressers to the wall. We just didn't think about it," Shoff told KSL. "We just want to spread awareness to this one accident that happened and hope it doesn't happen to any other families."

Though clothing storage manufacturers have industry standards for how stable their items should be in a home, the standard is currently voluntary. After the Shoffs' video gained traction Tuesday, Sen. Bob Casey (D.-Pa.) said in a statement he would reintroduce a bill with co-sponsors Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D.-Minn.) and Richard Blumenthal (D.-Conn.) to make that standard mandatory.

"Horrible incidents, like the one appearing in this video, show why we need strong, enforceable stability standards for furniture that can harm children," Casey said.

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