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Calthorpe Residents' Society has worked with the Edgbaston Neighbourhood Police Team and Watch Systems Ltd to develop this home security self-assessment questionnaire.

Please take a few minutes to answer the questions, add up your score and see if your home is secure or if you could do more to prevent a burglary.

Tick a score from 0 to 5 using the comments below each question as a guide.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive assessment, just a quick check to see if basic measures are in place. We recommend that you ask a specialist to carry out a more detailed assessment and to suggest any improvements that may be necessary.

## DETERRENCE - LOCKS

1. Do you close and lock your doors and windows when you are not at home?

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(Never)

(Sometimes)

(Always)

2. Do you have insurance-approved window and door locks? (Look out for the British Standard Kite Mark, along with the British Standard number such as BS3621)

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(Not insurance  
-approved)

(A mixture of  
lock standards)

(Meets BS  
Standards)

3. Does your garage(s) have insurance-approved locks?

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(Garage not  
locked)

(Basic lock, not  
insurance -  
approved)

(A mixture of  
lock standards)

(Always)

## DETERRENCE - LIGHTING

4. Do you have good security lighting installed around your property?

Good = in working order, motion-activated/dusk-to-dawn/ sound activated & the detection not triggered by small animals or objects. Ideally LED, covering all external areas of the property.

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(No external  
security lighting)

(Some parts of  
my property have  
security lighting)

(All external  
parts of my  
property are covered)

# DETERRENCE - ALARM

5. Do you have an SSAIB approved intruder alarm? (SSAIB is the leading certification body for organisations providing security systems and services)

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(No alarm)

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(Basic alarm system)

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(SSAIB approved alarm system)

6. Is the alarm box visible from the road?

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(No)

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(Yes)

7. Are outbuildings such as garages and sheds alarmed separately?

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(No, they are not alarmed)

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(Yes they are alarmed separately)

8. Is your intruder alarm installed to NSI or SSAIB standards by an approved installer?  
(The British standards for quality)

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(No, not installed to any standards)

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(Yes, installed to NSI or SSAIB standards)

9. Is your intruder alarm monitored by an alarm receiving centre (ARC)?

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(No, it is not monitored)

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(Yes, it is monitored by an ARC)

10. Do you have a professional key holding service to attend your alarm system (to respond in 20 minutes)?

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(No)

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(Yes)

# DETERRENCE - CCTV

11. Do you have a CCTV system installed?

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(No)

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(Yes, a basic system I installed myself)

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(Yes, it is maintained & installed by an NSI or SSAIB company)

# PROTECTION OF CONTENTS

12. Are your valuable items marked with a UV pen, Alpha Dot, Smart Water or an equivalent product?

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(No, not marked at all)

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(UV pen)

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(Yes, marked with Alpha Dot, Smartwater or equivalent)

13. Do you store your keys, valuables and important documents and items in a hidden or floor safe? Is the safe fire rated?

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(No, I do not have a safe)

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(Yes, in a basic safe)

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(Yes, in a fire rated hidden safe)

14. Does your street, development or neighbourhood have a Neighbourhood Watch scheme?

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(No)

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(Yes, but I am not a member)

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(Yes, but I am not an active member)

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(Yes, I am an active member)

## NOW ADD UP YOUR SCORE

## HOW DID YOU SCORE?

SCORE	STANDARD	WHAT TO DO
56 or more	GOOD	Well done but you mustn't be complacent. Make sure your security measures are maintained and reviewed annually.
between 29 and 55	OK	Your security measures are reasonable but would benefit from some improvements and an annual review.
less than 28	POOR	You're high risk. You urgently need a review by a security consultant.

# WHERE CAN YOU GET HELP?

Start by taking a look at some crime prevention measures on the police website at:  
**[www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice](http://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice)** or see the West Midlands police handy booklet:  
*'Home Security Survey – A guide to help prevent crime occurring in and around your home.'*

Talk to your neighbours or Neighbourhood Watch coordinator and see what security measures they recommend.

If you have been burgled recently, PCSO 30201 Hughes can attend your home and advise you on ways to improve your home's security.

You can contact her directly at **[colette.hughes@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:colette.hughes@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)**

Watch Systems Ltd are the security provider to Calthorpe Estates.

They offer a free, no obligation assessment of your home and can recommend solutions to suit your circumstances and your budget.

See their website at: **[www.watchsystems.co.uk](http://www.watchsystems.co.uk)**

You can contact them at **[info@watchsystems.co.uk](mailto:info@watchsystems.co.uk)** or call them on **0121 455 9992**.

