DIY: SAFEGUARDING YOUR HOUSE ON A BUDGET

With the advent of the holidays, as usual, gifts and expensive purchases abound. It is also a time of bountiful harvests for burglars. Burglar-proofing your residence can put a strain on your pocketbook, especially if you're on a budget, but that doesn't mean your home has to be left vulnerable. An arsenal of solid **home security tips** can bring homeowners some peace of mind during the holidays.

Utilize technology designed for your security needs.

Install a few motion sensor lights around your home, especially in your backyard. The [Sylvania LED Night Light with Motion Sensor](#) is a low-priced selection that won't hurt

your bank account. These units cost $11.99 apiece and will effectively surprise prowlers in and around your residence's exterior.

If running power to your motion detection lights throughout the night presents a problem, try one that runs on solar energy. You might find an answer with a

solar-powered alternative like the [Outdoor Nation Solar Powered Security Floodlight](). This appliance costs less than $25 and comes with powerful 22-LED Bulbs designed to bathe any area with brilliant light. The Outdoor Nation Solar Powered Security Floodlight is designed to withstand rough weather and can be programmed to stay on for up to 60 seconds. It requires no special wiring by an electrician and can be installed with no hassles.

Get premium quality and great value with a cost-effective camera like this [1080p Wireless IP Camera, World HD 360 Degree Panoramic View.]() You can purchase one of these for $44.99 and set your home up with a high performing security camera. This camera swivels 360 degrees to capture images as video and audio are recorded at sharp high definition into a 128-gigabyte storage unit.

Another **inexpensive home security** option is the [AMZ Security Mini 1080p Spy Camera]() with motion detection. For less than $40, the unit offers picture resolution up to 1080p, AVI video and 128 gig storage capacity. This budget-friendly gadget also has 5-mile night vision distance and non-luminance infrared lights night for easy concealment. The remotely controlled on/off switch on the app adds to this security camera's ease of use and convenience.

Take advantage of all a smart home security system has to offer. The reasonably-priced [Ring Alarm 5 Piece Kit]() provides your home with a complete security kit that is easy to install. You can regulate the camera, alarms and doorbells from a central location while you control the system remotely. Best of all, this system works with Alexa, so you can pair it with any Alexa-enabled device for easy monitoring of your home.

Don't be afraid to go old-school.

Strong door chain locks on all exterior access doors also go a long way in securing a home. Many hardware stores carry chain guards that are quite unyielding and budget-friendly; they cost less than $10. This is especially useful for apartment residences.

Invest in a durable deadbolt like the Nest x Yale Lock with Nest Connect to fortify your home against picked locks. These are operated with a pin code and can be programmed to auto-lock in your absence.

Practice a little misdirection.
There might be times when you are reluctant to advertise your home's security. A perfect solution to that dilemma is the LizaTech LizaCam USB Wall Plug with Hidden Camera. This camera presents all the features of a normal USB wall charger and can be plugged into any electronic device to function as an ordinary USB adapter. What it

actually does is record audio and video in crisp high definition. With this appliance, you can view recorded footage from your Android or iPhone device with Wi-Fi. The sensors in the unit can be programmed to activate recording when motion is detected and will send a live feed to owners via the LizaCam app. The LizaTech LizaCam USB Wall Plug with Hidden Camera has actual USB ports so you can charge other devices while the camera records. This will lend more credibility to its disguise.

Test your security.
Finally, perform a break-in test to discover any weaknesses in your security tools. This eliminates any surprises about any gadgets you may have and assures you that your home is secure.

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