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# Inspection Times

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## **ASK THE INSPECTOR...**

### **Question**

**My wife really wants a security system but I don't want to pay a huge price and then pay a bunch of monthly fees. Can I do it myself?**

### **Answer**

While home security systems can be expensive new wireless systems may offer an effective, lower cost alternative.

Professional burglars say they stay away from homes that are protected by a system and move on to easier prey.

Many wireless systems are available. One example is GE Security's Simon XT which costs about \$200, more for the deluxe version, plus around \$30 a month for monitoring.

The system can track activity in 40 zones of the house, such as windows or doors equipped with sensors. Like many systems, the sensors can be programmed to alert a homeowner by cell phone when one is triggered.

If you connect a digital video camera to the Simon XT, it can send images to you from the sensors. You could see who is by the front door or who is opening your liquor cabinet.

Any system should include sensors for all perimeter doors, doors leading to a garage or store room, and several motion detectors.

The system should also include outside and inside alarms to scare off intruders. And it should have a silent alarm code in case someone forces the homeowners to shut down the alarm.

If a monitored system is not for you, consider Armor Concepts Door Jamb Armor. It reinforces all parts of the door that can break so it can't be kicked down. A full set costs about \$125.

## **CAN YOU FIX SINK CHIPS AND STAINS?**

White porcelain sinks that are chipped or stained can be repaired. Here are some tips that can help you be successful.

For a dark surface stain on a sink or counter top, try sanding with the finest grain sandpaper you can find. Be careful not to sand through to the dark metal undersurface of a sink.

Repair kits for chips are available at home centers and come in white and colors. Note: They are not recommended for areas that are continually exposed to water, such as the area around the drain or the faucet base.

## **HOW TO PREPARE A SAFE ROOM**

The safe room is a secure location within a home that is designed to provide safety for families during terrorist attacks, nature, burglaries, or other types of threats. A safe room is an ideal investment for any home owner.

For most of us, a safe room is a location that family members can run to and hide, or call for help in an emergency situation. You can have a door constructed of wood or other material, although the key should be a material that is very hard to break through. No matter what type of door you choose, the doorjamb should be steel, to prevent the door from being kicked in.

It's also important that your safe room doesn't contain any windows. Keep a phone in the room, along with water, first aid kits, food, and any type of defensive weapons that you can get. It's also a good idea to keep medical supplies in the safe room as well, just in case you need them.



If you have questions about home inspections or home maintenance, Ask the Inspector!

**Call Pete Jung at 301-351-1113**

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# Why Use **Hinson & Jung Home Inspections?**

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- ❖ FREE 128 page Home Maintenance Manual
- ❖ FREE Phone consultations for as long as the client lives in the house.

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