

Ti CCTV & Alarms was set up to provide peace of mind security to domestic and commercial customers throughout the UK. Keen to pass on as much of the company's expert knowledge as possible, the team has compiled 10 top tips to keep your premises safe and secure.

1. **Lighting** is a cost-effective way to deter intruders from trespassing on your site. Ensure entrances, exits, pathways, driveways and car parks are well lit, limiting the number of areas where unlawful activity can take place unnoticed.
2. Think also about **motion-sensored lighting** which is likely to startle trespassers and alert you and/or your neighbours as to a potential cause for concern.
3. Ensure your property is fitted with a **burglar alarm**. There are many systems available, to suit properties of different sizes and complexities, not to mention customers' budgets. Also, make it as obvious as possible that you have an alarm. You could choose a bell box with flashing light for instance, or mount signage onto your wall to indicate that an activated alarm is in operation.
4. **CCTV systems** provide constant surveillance of key areas of a property, or an overall site. Various solutions are available to suit different budgets and security requirements, e.g. analogue, high definition (HD), internet protocol (IP) and overlay CCTV. We don't expect you to know which type is best suited to your needs – that's up to us to provide the right recommendation.
5. Visible CCTV cameras may be enough to deter some people from considering breaking into your home or committing a crime in your workplace. But the addition of **TV screens**, clearly illustrating that they're being watched, is even more off-putting. This is a particularly popular solution in the world of retail – shoplifters who see their face captured on screen as soon as they enter a store are likely to leave!
6. If you live or work in a building with shared access or a high volume of pedestrian activity, considered a **coded door entry system**, which can be controlled by pin, fob or even fingerprint technology, for example. Telecom or CCTV monitored door entry systems also enable you to grant access to people, once you've authenticated the legitimacy of their visit.
7. The security and surveillance industry is constantly evolving and with this comes the advent of **technological innovations** that most people don't even know exist. A popular technology amongst our business clientele at present is [VoiceOff](#), an audio alarm system designed to inform, deter and warn. The technology can alert trespassers that they are being monitored on CCTV and the police have been called, for instance, by projecting a stern message via speakers. There are a number of proactive, time saving security innovations too, such as

[Instant Detective](#), which intuitively searches through hours of surveillance footage to identify evidence of a particular criminal activity.

8. If you've made the decision to invest in security technologies of any kind, it is because you've deemed you have something worth protecting. Whether that's your home, its contents, your loved ones, your staff or your business assets, **don't then put them in danger by scrimping on poor quality technologies** that can't perform to the standard you need them to.
9. It is not enough to simply have security technologies installed – ensure they are **periodically serviced and maintained** as well. Unfortunately many customers approach Ti when it's too late – they have had a system fitted by another security firm, but have only just discovered it's not working because they've had a break in. You need the peace of mind that the technology is in full working order, at all times.
10. When it comes to deciding on the best-fit security technologies for your property, **speak to the experts**. They will audit your site, review your requirements, recommend the right systems for your needs and budget, and advise the most effective positioning of component parts such as sensors and lights.



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