



Start your year off on the right foot by creating the habit of regularly testing your safety and security systems:

- Test your alarm system and electric fence once a month.
- Test fixed and mobile panic buttons once a month.
- If you have a sensor-operated alarm, go from room to room once a month and ensure that movement registers throughout your house. Walk around each room to check that the red light is visible on the sensor.
- Regularly check the batteries in your alarm system, wireless beams and CCTV. Batteries have a limited life span and need to be replaced every few years.
- Check that your cameras are positioned correctly and clean the lenses to ensure good, clear footage.



Remember to check your security system:

- After any scheduled maintenance workers visit your home. No matter what they're working on, it's best practice to ensure they haven't interfered with your security accidentally.
- After you've had a house sitter, babysitter or pet sitter in your home. They may have made changes to your system, such as disabling alarms for their own easy access.
- After any significant changes are made to your internet connectivity or provider. If your security system uses the Internet, those changes could affect the responsiveness of your system.
- When renovations are completed, whether it's inside or outside - you may have accidentally altered something, like camera angles.

Digital Security Checks

Our whole lives are online – from banking to schooling, shopping and even TV. The more we live online, the more scams and cyber safety impact our lives. Year after year, more people fall victim to cybercrime, and many are impacted financially.

- Revise your password using best practices
- Set up multi-factor authentication, which provides extra protection
- Install or update anti-virus and firewall software
- Run malware scans to detect threats
- Check the strength of your WiFi security settings to prevent unwanted visitors
- Block internet pop-ups and avoid traps that will cause you to install a virus
- Update your operating systems, like Windows, to ensure you have the latest security releases
- Remove unused applications - old apps or programs can have security flaws
- Switch on social media privacy and location settings

