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Did You Know?

Guardian Security is an authorized dealer of Digital Monitoring Products.

DMP is an American company that has been breaking ground in security technology since 1975.

Recently, DMP has come out with a full-color touch-screen alarm control panel. It comes with a 32-bit processor that is 20x faster than the previous model. 10/100 Ethernet auto-sensing ensures the fastest connection. You can even check the weather.

To learn more about DMP, contact Guardian today!

Vacation Preparations

We're gaining daylight, and spring break will be here before we know it. Many Alaskans prefer to spend part of the winter in a warm, sunny location.

If you plan to go out of town, no matter the length of time, it is important to safeguard your home with a few basic procedures.

It is best if your home can be occupied while you are away. Do you have a trusted friend or relative who is able to house sit for you? Many Alaskans find this choice is easier on pets and houseplants as well as keeping their home secure.

If your home has to be unoccupied, the next best alternative is for it to

appear to be occupied. This is achieved by the use of lighting timers, and regular plowing of the driveway. Newspapers must be picked up rather than allowed to accumulate, a sure sign to burglars that no one is home.

Guardian Security is able to help you with home automation, allowing you to turn on lights, regulate the heat, and monitor entrance to your home from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Finally, verify that your entire system is in proper working order. Test environmental sensors, door and window latches, and test your security alarm system. For step-by-step instructions, log on to www.guardiansecuritysys.com/support/testing-your-system/.

Security for Seniors

protecting a loved one with the latest in security systems

Alaskan Vocabulary

Fur Rondy
(event)

Uniquely Alaskan Winter Festival

The Fur Rendezvous began in 1935, when Anchorage boasted a population of 3000 people who needed to break up the winter with a little recreation. Almost the entire town turned out that year for the bonfire and torchlight parade.

Other original events include the fur auction and sporting events.

Or in other words

Hurray!

**Adapted from furrondy.net*

Seniors, or those who have an elderly loved one, can help ensure independent living and safety with adequate security measures. Attention to a few details can make the independent living experience more rewarding for everyone involved.

First, analyze the environment. Are doors and windows easily locked? A lock does no good if the mechanism is too difficult to grasp. Replace mechanisms that no longer suit.

Of course, a properly installed and functioning security alarm system is a smart choice for everyone, including those who have reached more mature stages of life. A monitored system provides another layer of protection, allowing Guardian to check in by phone before going down the Emergency Contact List, and then notifying law enforcement if

Our Central Station is staffed around the clock and is available to answer questions about your system, testing your system, or how to schedule service.

necessary. The assurance of Guardian's 24/7 monitoring for a loved one cannot be understated.

Consider installing motion-activated lighting over driveways, walkways, and porches to keep travel to and from the home as safe as possible.

Video surveillance is another option for seniors and their families. Cameras can verify the activity in every area of the house. Remote access via computer or phone can provide another layer of care for an elderly parent or friend.

Ensure that batteries are regularly checked and replaced in fire alarms, smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors. Verify the alarm can be heard or seen if one of these harmful substances is detected.

With a few practical steps, living at home can be safer and more secure. Give us a call; Guardian is ready to help you meet your security needs!

We Want to Hear It!

If you have a story to tell about your experience with your alarm system and Guardian Security, we'd like to consider it for our newsletter. Perhaps an employee went above and beyond, or your system prevented a disaster.

We would appreciate it if you could drop us a line and let us know how we are serving you!

Please send your entries to . Submitting an entry gives Guardian Security permission to print all or part of your story in newsletters or on our website.

Every story involving home security, Guardian Security service and products will be considered. Don't be shy! Check in next issue to see what our family of customers has to say!

Contact List: Current?

For the best protection of your premises, Guardian must have an up-to-date Emergency Contact List on file. Make sure everyone is trained in the use of your system.

Take a moment to update your Emergency Contact List so we know whom to contact in the event of an alarm.

Go to guardiansecuritysys.com/support/update-emergency-contact-list-to-update. You're also welcome to stop by our Central Station.

*Please note: It is our policy to verify requests by phone before implementing them. Please allow 72 hours for changes to take effect.

We're here to serve you!

The Better Business Bureau is a good place to research any company about whom you have questions. Log on to www.bbb.org to research. Interesting fact: A door-to-door alarm sales company has had over 2700 complaints filed with the BBB in the last three years. Guardian has none.

Automation

Consider the convenience of arming or disarming your system from your smart phone, tablet, or computer.

Also, light, lock, and thermostat automation makes managing your home from afar simple and convenient.

Attention Snowbirds

If your system is monitored by a phone line, suspending service will compromise your security. This includes environmental alarms.

AES radio will keep the monitoring lines open if your home is to be without phone service. This radio transmitter that will communicate signals to our Central Station and does not require a phone line. AES Radio is part of our own **private radio network**, which is one of the **fastest and most secure methods of sending alarms signals**.

Video Surveillance Camera Aids in Identifying Burglar

Last year, a Valley couple arrived home to see that their home had been burglarized.

The burglar attempted but was unable to break into one exterior door, causing \$1700 in damage. He stole a laptop, digital camera, and a cell phone.

He might not have been caught, except the couple had installed video surveillance, which captured an image of the man's face on three cameras.

After posting the images on Facebook, an arrest was made shortly thereafter.

The perpetrator was given more than four years in jail for this and related crimes.

Superior Court Judge Kari Kristiansen decided on two years for burglary and theft.

Judge Kristiansen remarked that burglary is a serious crime that society does not tolerate. "When someone goes home for the night they have to feel safe," she said. "Where else are they going to go?"

Guardian Security Consultants are available to assess your home and identify weak spots in your security systems. Please call today if you're considering adding video surveillance to your protection plan.

*adapted from frontiersman.com "More than 4 Years for Burglar" Nov 27, 2013. Full article can be seen at www.frontiersman.com

Important Tidbits

* **Our website is loaded! Log on to print forms, update your account or read up on the latest products Guardian has to offer: www.guardiansecuritysys.com**

* **Email: dispatch@gssiak.com Toll Free Fax: 1-800-770-3730 Regional Phone Numbers: See Page 1**

Happenings Around Alaska

Fur Rondy February 21-March 2. Bring the kids for the parade, the carnival, the World Championship Sled Dog Races and More!! Many activities free. Visit www.furrondy.net for more information.

Anchorage Home, Garden, and Remodeling Show February 28-March 2. Custom deck designer Paul LaFrance from HGTV's "Decked Out" will be presenting on March 1 and March 2. Visit www.ahba.net for more.

Yukon Quest International Dogsled Race February 1. Fairbanks hosts the race start for this 1000-mile race to Whitehorse. Watch along the Chena River near Chushman Bridge. Go to www.yukonquest.com for more information.

Palmer Hay Flats Winter Fun Day February 15. Mat-Su Ski Club will be on hand to give lessons in classic and skate skiing with free-to-use equipment provided by REI. Reflections Lake will be groomed for ice skating as well. Snowshoers, dogs, kids welcome! www.matsuski.org for more.