



RESIDENTIAL SECURITY

If you use the security systems in your homes properly, you make you and your family a HARDER TARGET. Security systems include: alarm, electric fence, grilles and gates, lighting, safe-haven, and locks. Only you can ensure your home is secure, and you are responsible for:

- Knowing how to use the available security systems
- Actually using the security systems
- Maintaining your property, walls, and gardens
- Reporting problems with security systems

When you are at home:

- Keep doors locked and deadbolt thrown
- Carry your panic buttons
- Give a panic button to your maid or nanny
- Use your curtains, blinds, and drapes
- Do not open the front gate for strangers
- Do not let workers onto your property unless you have requested service, and they can confirm their identify with proper credentials

When returning home:

- Pay attention to the surrounding area – loiterers, occupied parked cars, people who seem out of place.
- If you see someone or something suspicious, drive off and notify the police.
- When approaching your driveway, keep your car in the road until the gate begins to open.

Residential Security Checklists

Does your family:

- Know what to do in an emergency?
- Know where the fire extinguisher is?
- Have emergency numbers programmed in their cell phones?
 - Police: 999
 - Fire: 998
 - Private Hospital: 390-1999

Have you checked?

- Your smoke and CO2 alarms?
- Your fire extinguisher expiration date?
- Your panic buttons?
- Your window release levers?

Are these items in your safe haven every night?

- Keys—both your house keys and your spare key sets.
- Radio
- Cell phone
- Flashlight
- First aid kit

In the yard:

- Are your garden tools secure?
- Have you recently checked your house and yard for overhanging trees, broken razor wire, or objects that might make it easier for thieves to come over the wall?
- Have you checked and replaced burnt out exterior lights?
- Have you checked your vehicle gate to make sure that it cannot be manually opened?

Brief your domestic employees:

- Did you check references?

- Do you have a copy of the domestic employee's Botswana identity card? The police also recommend that employers obtain local contact information, including names, addresses, and telephone numbers of a couple of their relatives.
- Have you given clear instructions/training on what is expected of them in a security role?
- Do you have their phone numbers?
- Do they have your phone number?
- Is there a solid lock/deadbolt on the maid's quarters front door?