



NEWBUILD PREWIRE FOR FUTURE HOME SECURITY DEVELOPMENT

New homes will want a permanent internet connection.

With the increasing availability of a 'broadband' telecommunications infrastructure, homes will undoubtedly have their domestic PC permanently connected. This will put capabilities previously restricted to local area networks (LANs) and wide area networks (WANs) into almost general use. Onwatch is able to use this communication system to support 'off-site' monitoring of 'activated video' security procedures via Internet Protocol (IP) static IP addressable devices. ('Activated video' is the transmitted picture showing the cause of the activation. Pictures are not otherwise continuously transmitted. Only when the detector identifies an intruder). Currently we use PSTN or ISDN with more expensive video transmitters and modems and can continue to do so if broadband services are not available or are not cost effective.

WHY AN 'ACTIVATED VIDEO' SYSTEM IS A BETTER SYSTEM.

With 'activated video' systems, there are no false alarms because every alarm can be verified as false or genuine by reference to the video pictures viewed at the time of the incident. This enables Onwatch to put detectors around the outside of the property. Instead of waiting for an intruder to penetrate the fabric of the building to activate the alarm system, we are able to detect and see them as soon as they approach the premises. With the added ability of having a two way audio system, we can issue a verbal warning which, in the majority of cases, disposes of the threat before it becomes a crime.

NOT A RECORDING BUT A DETERRENT.

It is important that this method is not confused with systems that merely record the video sequence as evidence if the intruder is subsequently caught and prosecuted or systems whereby the system owner can call up the recorder from any location and view historical activity. The Onwatch system is a preventative system able to deter criminal activity at the time of the threat. Recording equipment can be added if this is a further requirement.

QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE.

The equipment we use and the staff we employ to monitor 24/365 is dedicated to an entirely different process of security to that of burglar alarm companies or the Police. Our controllers know a great deal about the sites that they are guarding and can deal with the range of innocent occurrences that would often

generate an alarm situation with an unverified alarm system. The UK is at least 5 years ahead of the rest of the world in developing this process.

SHOULD YOUR COMPANY OFFER THIS SYSTEM IN THEIR PRODUCT PROFILE?

What are the implications for the domestic market. Verifiable alarm systems are already mandatory for Police response. Visual verification is by far the most effective verification technique but cameras inside the house are unlikely to be acceptable. External cameras do provide the solution, especially as they are controlled by the occupants when they choose to switch the system on or off. Once the occupant and family is incumbent, the system can be activated and control passed to the monitoring station without fear that unintentional activation will cause disbarment. Our controllers in our monitoring station can deal with intruders, remain passive whilst observing innocent unscheduled callers and provide protection for assets in other areas of the property – garage, expensive garden equipment in outbuildings, garden furniture, ornaments etc etc.

DEMONSTRATION SYSTEM.

We would be pleased to install a system in a show house or a pilot scheme property when and wherever required. A visit to our monitoring station is recommended and will demonstrate the highly effective alarm call management with its inbuilt safeguards and controls. We operate nationally.

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