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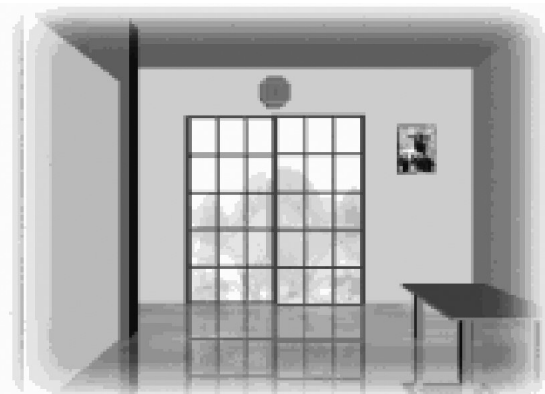
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PANIC ROOMS AND HOME SECURITY

By Ed Monk

There are many things you can do to make your home less attractive to intruders. However, there are times when nothing you do will change whether or not your home will be burgled. It could merely be chance and your home is in the wrong place or it is the wrong night of the week. In moments like these, it often doesn't matter whether anyone is home or not. The burglars are going to take what they want and do not care if anyone is hurt in the process.



In larger homes that have a lot of floor space and many attractions to interest burglars, one safeguard is the installation of what is known as a panic room. These rooms are designed as a safe place in which the family can assemble and be protected from burglars until help arrives. The idea of a panic room – while relatively new to most households – has been common in the homes of the rich and famous for some time. More and more ‘normal’ homes are having these rooms installed and the primary reason is to keep family members safe in a ‘worst-case scenario’.

Unlike the recent movie *“Panic Room”* starring Jodie Foster, the average home panic room isn't designed to keep out intruders for an unlimited time but just to slow them down and stop them from hurting the family until help can arrive. Telephones are necessary or at least a mobile phone. Most panic rooms are very simple and are not intended to hold a large number of people for more than a short time. They are really big ‘safes’ built inside the home which can hold people (plus some valuable things although their main purpose is protecting life rather than property). For people who are handy or are designing their own homes, a safe room can be integrated in your home if you are ready to give up some space. The average panic room does not cost mountains of money or technical knowledge. You are not creating a castle but a safe place in your home where your family can hide if there is an emergency intrusion.

Plans can be found on the Internet for those who can build a panic room themselves and these should be carefully followed. It is surprising how much protection and security a room like this can give your family. The knowledge that you can be safe in an emergency is often worth the investment.

If you integrate a panic room into your home security plans, then you should also make sure that it has the right essentials. These essentials would be some sort of seats or cushions, water; long-life snacks in case you have to be in the panic room for quite a time, and blankets. Naturally, you should not forget your mobile phone.

If you hear burglars entering the house, try to escape first through a safe and hidden exit. If escape is not possible, your panic room should be an alternative and safe choice for the family. When there, make sure that you call the police immediately as they will do more to scare away the burglars or limit the amount of time they want to spend in your home. Remember to try to keep calm despite the urge to panic. If you do this, you are more likely to get through the moment safely and, more importantly, to keep your family safe.

Home and Security: www.digitalexcellent.com

Task A1 (12 points)

Now tick the best answer – A, B or C.

1) Every house ...

- A can be made impossible for burglars to break into.
- B contains people that burglars will hurt in a burglary – the burglars do not care.
- C can be burgled – it's in the hands of the gods whether it happens or not.

2) A panic room ...

- A is only for people who are in a terrible panic.
- B gives people a safe feeling and stops them from getting into a panic.
- C is only really for rich and famous people.

3) A panic room ...

- A cannot be entered by burglars.
- B can give you enough time to get help from the police, for example.
- C is also the place where you keep all your valuable things.

4) A good panic room ...

- A is OK but you have less room in your home when you have one.
- B has to be designed by a real expert.
- C is an expensive addition to a house.

5) Your safety ...

- A can give your family a surprise.
- B will be guaranteed by knowing that you have a panic room.
- C is not guaranteed by having food, water and a mobile phone but they will help.

6) If you have a panic room, the best way to survive a burglary ...

- A is to stay cool and inform the police at once.
- B is to keep calm, wait and inform the police when it's safe to do so.
- C is to try to scare away the burglars.

Task A2 (8 points)

Read the article below.

Choose the best expression to fill each gap – A, B or C.

For each answer, put the correct letter on the line on the right.

Gang's plan to dig for cash goes wrong

A plan to tunnel under a shopping centre car park and dig up into an ATM* above came to an end after builders accidentally broke into the secret tunnel. The would-be thieves were only four-and-a-half metres from the ATM outside a DVD store in Manchester when the roof of the tunnel collapsed as electric cables were being repaired in the car park **1)** Astonished construction workers descended into a tunnel leading 12 metres to a hidden entrance in the side of a railway line. Bright electric lights **2)** installed down the tunnel previously together with supports made from wooden poles.

Greater Manchester police said the tunnel must have taken weeks to construct, with big rocks as well as heavy earth to be removed along its route. The work was done so secretly that it was a mystery how the gang removed tons of earth without anyone **3)** it.

No one was in the tunnel when the roof collapsed, but shovels were found next to a wheelbarrow. A spokesman for Great Manchester police said the area had been closed and the tunnel filled with soil and concrete after a search for clues. "Investigation showed the full length and height of the tunnel and officers are now investigating the attempted burglary," he said.

Most of the tunnel ran under a car park with a serious risk of collapse from the heavy asphalt surface and heavy trucks **4)** on it. Tunnelling work was clearly taking place as a line of bags of soil was also found near the end of the tunnel. **5)** have now been used to fill in the gang's handiwork.

One of the workmen who found the tunnel said: "We didn't know what it was at first, so I went down to have a look. It extended about 20 metres from the railway, then changed direction **6)** the ATM outside the Blockbuster DVD store. The burglars were almost there. I wasn't worried about it collapsing while I was in the tunnel because they had made a really good job of it and even the police who came to see it **7)** impressed with the workmanship." Mick Duffy from Stainforth Construction Co. Ltd. said that his fellow workers were impressed by their discovery. "It would appear somebody was tunnelling from outside the shopping centre in the direction of the cash machine*. It's very **8)** constructed, a semi-professional job with lighting, a fresh air supply, and very well supported and lined."

* *ATM (automated teller machine) = Bancomat*

Put the letter here



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|---|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 | A above | B over | C under | _____ |
| 2 | A were being | B are being | C had been | _____ |
| 3 | A noticing | B noticed | C notices | _____ |
| 4 | A stand | B stood | C standing | _____ |
| 5 | A This | B That | C These | _____ |
| 6 | A towards | B into | C in | _____ |
| 7 | A were | B will be | C have been | _____ |
| 8 | A good | B well | C better | _____ |

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Task B (5 points)

Five families feel that they could take better care of the environment/their own lifestyle. The list below describes the options that the families might be interested in. Decide which option (A-H) would interest each family. Write the letter on the line on the right. Do not use any letter more than once.

OUR ENVIRONMENT & OUR LIFESTYLES	
A	Public discussion at the Town Hall – the clean atmosphere action group is meeting to discuss the possibility of a traffic-free zone in town.
B	For better air in the home, install an air-conditioning unit! Keep cool in hot summers – only consumes 8 kW per hour.
C	Switch off that CD player, that TV, that radio, that PC and get out of the house! The sports centre now has a 50-metre pool and a biking trail! Come and get fit!
D	You, too, can have your own car parking space in town in the new 6-floor car park at the station. Only £1,000 per year.
E	Save power in the home! Eliminate your high-energy lamps and replace them with ecologically-friendly lamps – multipacks available, buy one, get one free!
F	The time is right to install a home movie theatre! See all your favourite films on our 2-metre HD TV! We can also install popcorn machines!
G	Community Environment Group: this Saturday, we are cleaning up the river! Come and help us – we need volunteers! Why not be a member of the group?
H	The HEALTHY NUTRITION group meets every Friday evening to discuss the dangers in today's foodstuffs and how they can be avoided.

Put the letter here



- 1 The Smith family worries about how much energy the family consumes in their household. How can they cut the cost of electricity? _____
- 2 The Jones family is worried about the air pollution in the city in which they live. _____
- 3 The Williams family is unhappy about the 'E' numbers in what they eat and the amount of ready meals they consume. _____
- 4 The Roberts family thinks that nobody pays enough attention to Nature in general. _____
- 5 The Evans family feels that they need to think about how they entertain themselves in their spare time. So far, they have done nothing that's really healthy. _____

