

# Living in a real-life spy thriller

Hi-tech gadgetry is changing domestic protection, writes Lucas Townsend

ENSURING your home is secure from burglary has become much more than making sure Fido is on watch and his bark is on song.

There are now many hi-tech ways to give you peace of mind, whether you are at home, work or even overseas.

A NSW Police spokesman says most break-and-enter crimes are easy preventable.

"By introducing a number of simple changes to your home, you can play an active role in reducing the chances of this happening to you," he says. "Secure your home and you significantly lower the risk of becoming a victim of crime."

Most of us have hi-tech devices we wish to protect from theft, such as laptops, tablets and smartphones. But why not put them to use in your home security?

Different visual intercom programs are emerging that link direct with smart phones and tablets anywhere across the world.

The new Mobotix T24 Video Door Station captures the entire entrance area, letting owners receive messages from visitors on phones and tablets and even grant access to the property from anywhere in the world.

Samsung recently released The Wall Pad, a one-stop-shop home controller which combines the intercom communication with various add-ons including lighting,

air-conditioning and parking control, CCTV integration, weather, telephone system, and security calls.

To bring a touch of spy thriller to your home, try a system that allows access to your home through fingerprint recognition.

A Keylock Slide, from Fingerprint Locks, can accommodate up to 150 fingerprints. It will fit into the standard 54mm opening and makes a great DIY project for the tech-savvy homeowner.

The Peep Hole Viewer from OzSpy Security Systems looks like an old-fashioned peep hole from the outside, but inside an LCD panel produces a digital picture of your doorway. Reduced from \$249 to \$199, it's an affordable way to identify someone before you open the door.

OzSpy also has the external covered with a DIY four-channel CCTV package for \$549. Along with a DVR recorder, you'll have peace of mind knowing a watchful eye is being cast over your entire property.

For securing windows, you can buy battery or electric-powered, aluminium or slate shutters from rollershutters.com.au. They not only protect you from intruders, they also insulate against noise, heat and even bushfires.

Security shutters, POA, [www.rollershutters.com.au](http://www.rollershutters.com.au)

**Peep Hole Viewer**, was \$249, now \$199, [www.ozspy.com.au](http://www.ozspy.com.au)

**Keylock Slide** fingerprint locks, \$282, [www.fingerprintlocks.com.au](http://www.fingerprintlocks.com.au)

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**Mobotix T24 Video Door Station**, \$1598, [www.mobotix.com](http://www.mobotix.com)

**Samsung Wall Pad digital locks** (top), from \$2000, [www.digitaldoorlocks.com.au](http://www.digitaldoorlocks.com.au)

**DIY CCTV package**, \$549, [www.ozspy.com.au](http://www.ozspy.com.au)