

Panic buying will lead to poor security

**Get advice from an expert
before you spend your money.**

PANIC buying of security products after an increase in house break-ins could lead to poor choices and a false sense of security, says Johann du Plessis of Roll A Fold, Margate's Trellidor franchisee.

"A better solution in the long run is to approach the problem of increasing security measures with a plan, so that residents end up with the right products for their particular needs," he says.

To make it easier, Johan suggests the following:

- * Secure all windows and doors with barriers, so that, if your other security measures are breached, the perpetrators are still barred from getting inside.

- * Don't 'buy down' in the search for short-term financial savings, because the costs could be far greater in the long run.

- * Many break-ins occur through the lock area, so purchase the toughest lock available to secure the best protection.

- * Get a professional to assess your home's current security.

- * Set up a safe area as a haven to hide in and call for help. It needs sliding window barriers and a door barrier.

- * Be disciplined about using your security measures and lock up even if you're home.

- * Use your security gate to screen unknown visitors and don't let them in if you're unsure.

- * Don't buy into the myth of housing estates being completely secure. Take responsibility for security in your unit.

- * Barriers should be designed to allow everyone to leave the building with ease in an emergency.

"We have a product range to suit all budgets and are happy to provide a free security assessment," says Johann. "We'll help choose barriers that will be uncompromising in doing their job for many years to come."



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