

Thirty eight percent of all assaults occur during a home invasion. Sixty percent of all reported rapes occur during a home invasion. According to these two facts, it's evident that electronic security in our homes better protects the community and can help prevent these awful crimes. Small security measures such as motion detectors and door contacts could help prevent the assaults and rapes that take place in the homes of the community. In addition to protecting homes, electronic security protects restaurants, malls, stores, churches, schools, airports, etc.

Throughout my life, my dad, who has worked in the security business for 30 years now has worked effortlessly to provide safety for myself and others. This has made a tremendous impact on me because I now not only feel safer living my life, but I feel more knowledgeable about the importance of security. This is knowledge that I can pass onto others giving them piece of mind, helping them feel safer too. Also, my dad's ability to affect the safety of the public encourages me to help others be safer too.

As previously stated, electronic security helps many different buildings/organizations. Throughout my entire life, my dad has always pointed out different security tools at different buildings. He's taught me all about them and showed me exactly how they would protect me. Whenever I walk into a restaurant I find myself looking up at the ceiling, noticing all the different security measures they have taken. Whenever I see smoke detectors and horn strobes I know that in case of a fire, all of us in the restaurant would be safe. When I'm shopping at our local mall I look for CCTV cameras because seeing those cameras makes me feel safe walking to my car. I notice the electronic security in airports, such as enhanced CCTV systems to recognize people's faces and card access control systems that control where passengers can and cannot go. These security devices make me feel much safer when traveling in an airport. I look around schools, especially my school, for security cameras. At other schools I see security in the entrances and that makes me feel safe in that school. I look around churches to see if there are fire alarm systems, knowing that if there are, I'll be safer.

Knowing what I know now about security and the effects of it cause me to wonder about disasters in the past and how security could have changed them. For example, I can't help but wonder how many people would have lived on 9/11 if better evacuation controls would have been in place. I think about house fires, and building fires and wonder if having security would have protected those buildings and the people in them. I think about what would happen if we didn't have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in my house and other buildings. This knowledge that I have makes me confident in the fact that I have the ability to live my life safe. If it wasn't for my dad I wouldn't know much about security. Therefore, I believe that this knowledge should more accessible to all people. Colleges should add this area of expertise in some associates or bachelor degree. This would allow more students to be educated in ESA and choose this career.

All in all, I am proud of what my dad has done for the community. Everyday my dad works fluently to help protect the community with electronic security. I know for a fact that working for FM Systems, my dad, working with the electronic security industry, has saved many lives. I am proud of my dad for choosing this field of work, working diligently to help protect the community.