




# Keeping Safe at Home: Understanding Video Doorbells


How Modern Technology Can Help You Feel More Secure  
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# What Is a Video Doorbell?

- A doorbell with a built-in camera and microphone
  - Lets you see and speak to visitors on your phone or tablet
  - Works even when you're not at home
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# Why Might I Want One?

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- Know who's at the door without opening it
  - Get alerts if someone is outside
  - Deter unwanted visitors or scammers



## How Does It Work?

- 1. Someone presses the doorbell
  - 2. Your phone/tablet shows a live video
  - 3. You can talk to them or ignore
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## Benefits for You

- Improved security and peace of mind
- Easy to use from a smartphone or tablet
- Talk to delivery drivers when you're out
- Avoid opening the door to strangers



## Real Life Example

- Margaret from Leeds used to worry about doorstep scams.
  - Now she sees who's there before opening the door and feels much safer!
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## Key Features to Look For

- HD Camera – Clear video even at night
- Motion Detection – Sends alerts if someone's near
- Two-Way Audio – You can speak to the visitor




## What You'll Need

- A Wi-Fi internet connection
  - A smartphone or tablet (iPhone, Android, iPad)
  - A place to mount the doorbell
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# Are They Safe to Use?

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- Yes, most use secure video streaming
  - You control who sees the video
  - You can turn it off at any time




# Common Brands in the UK

- Ring (by Amazon)
  - Google Nest
  - Eufy
  - Arlo
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# How Much Do They Cost?

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- Basic doorbell: £60–£90
  - Higher-end models: £150–£250
  - Optional: cloud storage subscription (£2–£4 per month)

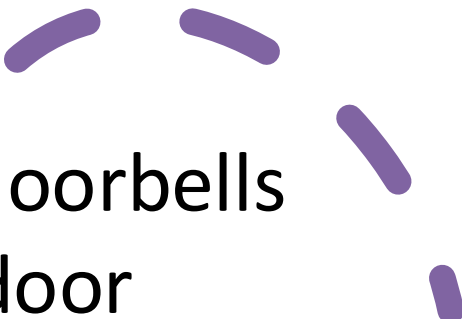


## Is It Easy to Install?

- Many plug into existing doorbell wiring
  - Some run on batteries (no wiring needed)
  - Can hire an installer for setup
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What If I  
Don't Use a  
Smartphone?

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- Some video doorbells work with indoor screens
  - Ask a family member to monitor it remotely

## Recap – Key Advantages

- See who's at the door
- Don't have to open the door
- Feel safer and in control
- Can check from anywhere



# Want Help Getting One?

- Talk to a family member
- Ask your local Age UK or community group
- Many high street shops can demonstrate them

# Questions & Answers

- What would you like to know more about?
- Link to BBC iPlayer “The Secret Genius of Modern Life” episode on doorbells from 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0029ktf>