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Security Film vs. Other Window Security Options

Criteria	Security Film	Laminated / Tempered Glass	Window Bars / Grilles	Alarm System
Upfront Cost	\$\$ (moderate)	\$\$\$\$ (high, full glass replacement)	\$\$ (hardware + install)	\$-\$\$ (equipment + setup)
Install Time / Disruption	Fast; applied to existing glass	Slow; glass replacement, more disruption	Fast-moderate; drilling into frames/walls	Fast; minimal disruption
Break-in Resistance	Delays entry; holds glass together	High (laminated) / Medium (tempered)	High visual deterrent; can be bypassed	No physical barrier (detection only)
Shatter Safety	Yes; retains shards	Yes (laminated) / No (tempered shatters small)	N/A (glass still breaks)	N/A
UV / Heat Control	Up to 99% UV; optional heat rejection	Limited UV; varies by glass spec	No	No
Aesthetics / Visibility	Discreet (clear or tinted)	Looks like standard glass	Intrusive; changes facade	Invisible hardware; no visual change
Maintenance	Low; standard glass cleaning	Low-medium; like normal glazing	Medium; rust/paint, cleaning	Medium; batteries, sensors, monitoring
Best For	Homes/shops seeking discreet physical protection	High-risk sites, new builds, code compliance	High-crime areas where visual deterrent is OK	After-hours monitoring & insurance requirements
Total Approach	Layer 1 - Physical delay	Layer 1 - Physical barrier	Layer 1 - Physical deterrent	Layer 2 - Detection/response

Recommendation: For best results, combine Security Film (physical delay) with an Alarm System (detection) - a layered security strategy improves real-world

outcomes.

Specifications and effectiveness vary by product and site conditions. Final recommendations are provided after an on-site assessment by WindowTech.