

# Top 20 Alarm.com Notification Recipes

## Set-it-and-forget-it alerts for homes & businesses

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### How to use this guide:

- In the Alarm.com app, go to **Menu** → **Notifications** (and **Video** → **Recording Rules** for camera analytics).
- Create or edit the notification/rule using the **Trigger**, **Filters**, **Schedule**, and **Recipients** shown below.
- Test once—then tune for signal-to-noise.

#### Pro tips

- Turn on **Two-Factor Authentication** and **Biometric Login** first.
- Use **People/Vehicle analytics** whenever possible to avoid “motion noise.”
- Keep geofences reasonable (200–500 m) and set quiet hours.

## A. Core Security (Home/Business)

### 1) Kids Home Safe

**Purpose:** Know your child arrived safely.

**Trigger:** Disarm by user “Aiden”.

**Schedule:** Weekdays 2:00–4:00 pm.

**Recipients:** Parent/guardian phones.

**Notes:** Add a backup “No Disarm by 4:15 pm” reminder.

### 2) Nightly Arming Reminder (Home)

**Purpose:** Prevent sleeping with the system off.

**Trigger:** Disarmed at 10:30 pm → send “Arm Stay?” reminder.

**Schedule:** Daily.

**Recipients:** All household adults.

**Notes:** Add quick action button to arm in one tap.

### 3) Late to Arm (Business Close)

**Purpose:** Ensure the store/office is secured.

**Trigger:** Not Armed by 9:15 pm (custom time).

**Schedule:** Workdays.

**Recipients:** Managers, on-call lead.

**Notes:** Add escalation to owner at 9:30 pm.

### 4) Early Open (Business)

**Purpose:** Detect unexpected opening.

**Trigger:** Disarm outside normal opening hours.

**Schedule:** Daily.

**Recipients:** Managers/security contact.

**Notes:** Include user name in the push.

### **5) Critical Trouble**

**Purpose:** Don't miss real issues.

**Trigger:** Alarm, Tamper, AC power failure/restore, Low panel battery, Communication failure/restore.

**Schedule:** 24/7.

**Recipients:** Primary users + service contact (optional).

**Notes:** If power fails often, consider UPS/surge.

### **6) Door Left Open (Garage/Back Door)**

**Purpose:** Keep doors secured.

**Trigger:** Door/garage open > 10 minutes.

**Schedule:** Evenings 8:00 pm–6:00 am.

**Recipients:** Household adults or store manager.

**Notes:** Add a follow-up “still open” at 30 minutes.

### **7) Left Unlocked Reminder (Smart Lock)**

**Purpose:** Reduce overnight risk.

**Trigger:** Lock unlocked > 10 minutes while system armed.

**Schedule:** 9:00 pm–6:00 am.

**Recipients:** Homeowners/managers.

**Notes:** Add one-tap “Lock Now” action.

## **B. Video & Doorbell (Analytics-Driven)**

### **8) Person at Front Door (Overnight)**

**Purpose:** Catch off-hours visitors.

**Trigger:** Doorbell Camera → People only.

**Schedule:** 9:00 pm–6:00 am.

**Recipients:** Homeowners or on-call staff.

**Notes:** Push + thumbnail + clip; exclude street zone.

### **9) Vehicle in Drive (Daylight)**

**Purpose:** Know when cars pull in.

**Trigger:** Driveway Camera → Vehicles only.

**Schedule:** 7:00 am–9:00 pm.

**Recipients:** Homeowners/service desk.

**Notes:** Use a ground zone to avoid road traffic.

### **10) Person in Back Lot (After Hours)**

**Purpose:** Deter prowling.

**Trigger:** People in back-lot zone.

**Schedule:** 8:00 pm–6:00 am.

**Recipients:** Manager/on-call.

**Notes:** Pair with exterior lighting scene.

### ***11) Package Watch (Front Entry)***

**Purpose:** Reduce porch theft.

**Trigger:** Doorbell person + second person within 10 min.

**Schedule:** 8:00 am–8:00 pm.

**Recipients:** Homeowners; include clip.

**Notes:** Optional: announce on smart speaker.

### ***12) Alarm Video Burst***

**Purpose:** Rich evidence during alarms.

**Trigger:** Intrusion alarm → record continuously 5–10 min.

**Schedule:** 24/7.

**Recipients:** Monitoring + owner/manager.

**Notes:** Keep bandwidth in mind; verify upload speeds.

### ***13) Restricted Zone Tripwire (Warehouse/Stockroom)***

**Purpose:** Detect after-hours movement.

**Trigger:** Tripwire across aisle → People only.

**Schedule:** Closed hours only.

**Recipients:** Manager, security lead.

**Notes:** Set camera angle for clear faces.

## **C. Access Control & Users**

### ***14) Cleaner/Contractor Window (Temporary Access)***

**Purpose:** Visibility and accountability.

**Trigger:** Disarm/Unlock by user “Cleaning”.

**Schedule:** Wed 2:00–4:00 pm (or custom).

**Recipients:** Site manager.

**Notes:** Use scheduled user code; auto-expire after end date.

### ***15) Door Forced/Door Held (Commercial Access)***

**Purpose:** Life safety & security.

**Trigger:** Door forced or held open > 60 sec.

**Schedule:** Business hours + after hours.

**Recipients:** Facilities/security.

**Notes:** Tie to camera clip of that door.

### ***16) High-Value Room Entry (Server/Office/Safe)***

**Purpose:** Sensitive area monitoring.

**Trigger:** Contact opens OR reader access granted.

**Schedule:** 24/7 or off-hours only.

**Recipients:** IT/owner.

**Notes:** Log user identity in push if available.

## D. Environment & Safety

### *17) Water Leak Detected (Utility/Mechanical)*

**Purpose:** Prevent damage.

**Trigger:** Water sensor wet event.

**Schedule:** 24/7.

**Recipients:** Owner/facilities; optional contractor.

**Notes:** Add auto-shutoff valve scene if supported.

### *18) Temperature Alert (Freezer/Server Closet)*

**Purpose:** Protect inventory/equipment.

**Trigger:** Temp sensor above/below thresholds.

**Schedule:** 24/7.

**Recipients:** Facilities/owner.

**Notes:** Calibrate; add hysteresis to avoid ping-ponging.

## E. Geofence & Scenes

### *19) Arm Reminder on Exit (Home/Business)*

**Purpose:** Don't forget to arm.

**Trigger:** Geofence exit while system is disarmed.

**Schedule:** Daytime; exclude overnight.

**Recipients:** Specific drivers/phones.

**Notes:** Requires "Always Allow" location permission.

### *20) Welcome Home Lighting + Unlock (Home)*

**Purpose:** Arrive to a safe, lit entry.

**Trigger:** Geofence entry + after sunset.

**Schedule:** As needed.

**Recipients:** Household adults.

**Notes:** Use with care; consider reminder to unlock vs. auto-unlock.

## Quick Setup Checklist

- Enable **Push Notifications** in the app and in your phone's OS (allow banners/lock screen; allow background activity).
- On Android, set Battery → **Unrestricted** for the Alarm.com app.
- Confirm **time zone** and **DST** on your account; re-save schedules after changes.
- Map each **sensor/camera to the right rule**; name devices clearly (e.g., "Front Door," "Back Lot Cam").
- Add **recipients** thoughtfully—only the people who truly need each alert.

## Troubleshooting Fast Fixes

- No push? Toggle the notification OFF → ON, log out/in, reboot phone.
- Too many alerts? Use **People/Vehicle** analytics and **narrow zones**; reduce sensitivity one notch at a time.
- Rules not firing? Check **preconditions** (armed state, time window) and **device online** status.

### Want help?

We'll configure these for you (and share a branded PDF copy).

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