



Twenty-Two Years, One House, Zero Disasters

How one Maine homeowner's security system adapted from busy family life to empty-nest travels

When David Columbus installed his Cunningham Security System in 2002, his children were young, the house was full, and one of the biggest worries was whether someone remembered to set the alarm. Twenty-two years later, the children are grown and gone. David and his wife travel frequently—Spain, Portugal, Norway, extended trips in Europe, weeks away at a time. The house sits empty.

The system is still there.

“Since I've had the system for 22 years, the reliability has been great,” David said. “The only calls that I've basically had to make have been to replace batteries.”

More Than Alarms

What the system protects now has changed. In 2002, it watched for intruders while the family slept. Today it monitors water levels in the basement,

tracks motion on cameras throughout the house and detects carbon monoxide—all while David is thousands of miles away.

“The Cunningham Security System is more than just a burglar alarm,” David said.

His phone receives every alert. High water level? Notification. Motion detected? Banner across his screen. He can arm or disarm the system from another continent.

But the app isn't his only option. When he needs help or has questions, he can call Cunningham directly. The technology provides convenience; the local team provides reassurance.

When the house was full, security meant protecting the people inside. Now it means protecting the house itself—and David's freedom to leave it without worry.



Built to Adapt

The system grew with the family's changing needs. When the children were young, one access code sufficed. Now, with adult children visiting on their own schedules, multiple codes track who enters and when.

"The great thing about the Cunningham system is you can set up multiple access codes," David said. "So if you are gone and you want to give somebody a separate access code, you can do that and that can be tracked through the system."

The technology evolved alongside the family. "As our family has grown, the hardware in the system has basically kept up with the times," David said. What started as a basic alarm panel now includes cameras, environmental sensors, and smartphone integration—upgrades that happened gradually, without replacing everything.

Why It Lasts

David chose Cunningham on reputation and word of mouth. "When I was looking for systems, originally I asked people for recommendations and Cunningham was the name that came up most often."

Two decades later, he gives those same recommendations. "Anybody who's in the market for a security system and they ask me; I always recommend Cunningham Security."

The relationship works in large part because Cunningham is local. When David calls, he reaches people who understand Maine homes and Maine weather. No distant call centers. No explaining "winter" to phone staff sitting in San Diego.

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It saves him money too. "The fact that I have a Cunningham Security System does provide me a discount on my homeowner's insurance," David said.

But the real value shows up in what hasn't happened. No break-ins. No flood damages. No carbon monoxide incidents. Twenty-two years of a system working so reliably that battery replacement became the only maintenance required.

When David and his wife leave for his next trip, the house will be empty but watched. The Cunningham Security system that once monitored a full house now guards an empty one.

And after twenty-two years, that's exactly what David needs it to do.

About Cunningham Security

Founded in 1983, Cunningham Security has built its reputation on local expertise and fast response. The company serves Maine homeowners and businesses with alarm systems, fire protection, cameras, access control, and environmental monitoring. Cunningham's promise is to protect what matters most and deliver peace of mind, one home at a time.

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