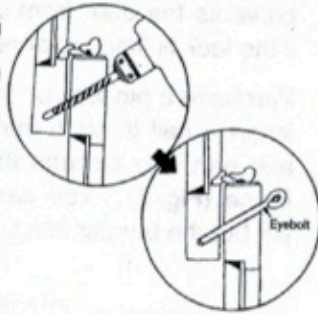


Double Hung Windows

Most standard windows have a small thumb-turn lock in the center. Don't rely on these. They can be pried open or easily reached through a broken pane. You can buy special key locks for windows. Keep the keys away from the windows, but make sure everyone in the house knows where to find them in case of emergency. If your fire escape plan utilizes this window as part of an escape route, do not use these types of locks as it may delay you exiting your home during a fire.

An easy, inexpensive way to secure your windows is to use the "pin" trick. Drill an angled hole through the top frame of the lower window partially into the frame of the upper window. Then insert a nail or an eyebolt. The window can't be opened until you remove the nail. Make a second set of holes with the windows partly opened so you can have ventilation without inviting intruders. Eyebolts can provide strong resistance against jimmying.



Home and Business Security

Your home security should include plans for an emergency exit. Most experts recommend all-family rehearsals so everybody is involved. Be sure to include a meeting place outside of the home where family members can check in with each other in the event of an emergency. This will keep others from re-entering a possibly dangerous situation under the pretense of looking for those that haven't checked in yet.

Always use your locks. Even a five minute trip to the store is long enough for a burglar to enter your home or business!

If you don't protect your home or business, who will?



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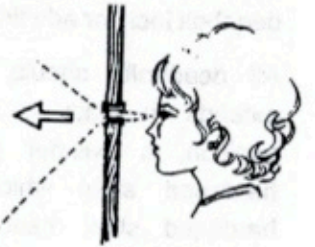


How to Secure Windows and Doors

Exterior Doors

All exterior doors should either be solid wood or metal. Do not use a "hollow core" wooden door if the door goes to the outside. The door should fit snugly. If it does not, metal weather stripping (properly installed), will snug up your door.

The metal plate on the door frame is called the "strike plate." The strike plate should be securely installed into the framing timbers with 2-1/2" or 3" wood screws. If long screws cannot be used, extra long (8" - 12") strike plates should be used.

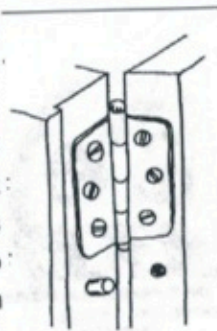


Always know who is at the door before you open it. A wide angle door viewer will allow you to see who is outside without opening the door.

Hinges

Hinge pins should be on the inside of the door. If your door has the hinge pins on the outside of the door, you can install non-removable hinge pins. You can also drill a hole below each top hinge leaf and above each bottom hinge leaf, making sure the holes are directly opposite each other.

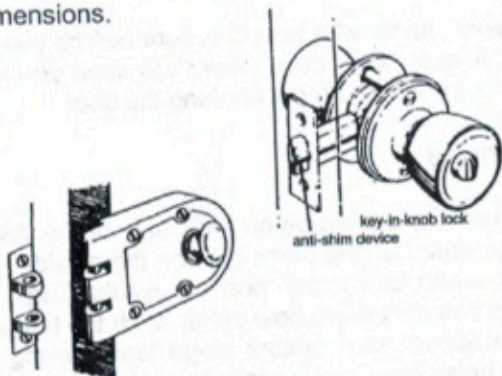
Then install a solid metal pin, screw, or concrete nail into the hole in the door frame. The pin should protrude about 1/2". When the door is closed, the pin will fit into the hole in the door; when locked the hinge pins can be removed but the door itself cannot be lifted out.



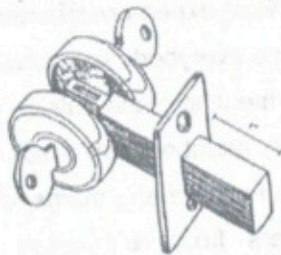
Locks

All exterior doors should be protected with a pin-tumbler lock that has at least five pins in its mechanism. Each should also have a deadbolt lock for additional security.

All deadbolts should have a bolt which extends at least 1" when in the locked position, a cylinder guard ring of case-hardened steel which rotates freely, a hardened steel insert or bolt-bearing (to prevent sawing the bolt off), and mounting bolts of at least 1/4" in diameter and as long as possible given the door and frame dimensions.



Certain deadbolts require a key for both sides of the door; these are called "double cylinder" deadbolts. These locks are especially effective



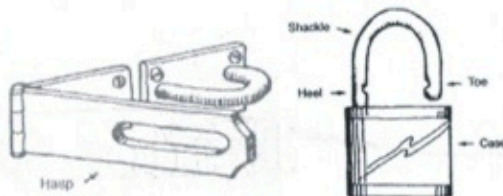
for doors with glass within 40" of the lock. An intruder cannot break the glass and unlock the door by reaching through. It might

be wise to leave the key in the lock when you're home for ready exit in an emergency. It is also recommended that one door, preferably the primary exit, not have a double cylinder lock on it.

Another solution for doors with glass in or near them is to install shatterproof glass or security film. This is more expensive than regular glass and should be installed by professionals, but it works!

Padlocks are typically used for garages, sheds, fence gates, and storage areas. Look for a sturdy padlock that doesn't release the key until the padlock is locked. It should have a rugged laminated case with a 3/8" shackle so it will resist being smashed. A double locking design can prevent the shackle from being pried away from its case.

Remember that a padlock is only as good as its hasp. The hasp should



be secured with bolts and mounted on a metal plate. Be sure bolts are concealed when the padlock is locked.

Sliding Glass Doors and Windows

Several types of locks are made especially for sliding doors and windows. In addition, you can:

1. Adjust the rollers so the door cannot be pushed up enough to lift it off the track.
2. Insert screws along the upper track of the door (Fig 1). Some sliding glass doors are hollow behind the center of the track. These doors should have the screws installed slightly to the side so they are anchored in the frame. Leave enough room for the door to slide but not enough space to be lifted out.
3. Put a piece of wood or metal bar in the track of the closed door. This prevents the door from opening even if the lock is jimmied or removed.
4. Purchase a pin lock or drill a hole and insert a nail through the inside frame and part way through the metal door frame (Fig 2). You can remove the pin but the burglar can't.

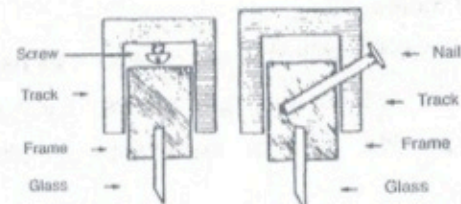


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