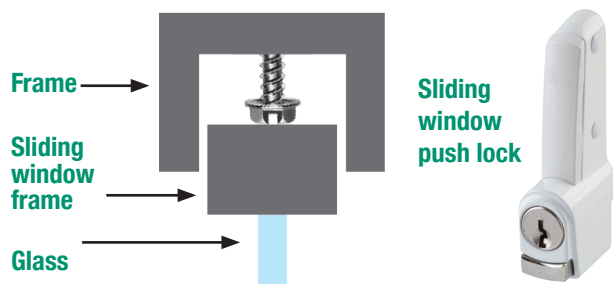


WINDOW SECURITY

SLIDING WINDOWS (slides horizontally)

- There are several styles of key locks that suit sliding windows. It is a good idea to fit a metal or wooden rod in the lower track of the window to give added protection.
- Ensure your windows are able to be locked open at a gap of not more than 10cm wide.
- Horizontal sliding aluminium doors and windows can be lifted out of their tracks. This can be prevented by fitting self-tapping screws along the upper track or on the sliding frame at the top as shown below.



Ensure window and door locks are 'keyed alike'

KEYS

- Keys should be kept in a safe location and out of sight.
- Do not hide spare keys outside.
- Keys should be removed from locks while you are absent.
- Consider a key safe or leave keys with a trusted friend, family or neighbour.



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LIGHTING

Consider installing external sensor lighting as it improves the vision of your yard and may deter thieves.



DOOR SECURITY

HINGED DOORS

The most secure and safest lock for securing an external door is one with a safety release. They allow you to escape from an internal house fire or emergency without having to unlock the door with a key.



Deadlatch

A key-in knob lock should be supported by the addition of a double-cylinder deadbolt. One key should operate both locks.



Double-cylinder deadbolt is operated by a key on both sides of the door

DOUBLE DOORS

Secure your double or French door with:

- a drop-pin deadlock with a 'latching' facility
- key operated bolts; or
- a deadlatch.

Drop-pin deadlock



SLIDING DOORS

Sliding doors can be secured in two simple ways by fitting:

- a double-sided locking handle or deadbolt lock and/or
- a patio door bolt.



Patio door bolt

SECURITY SCREEN DOORS

A locked security door provides a barrier when talking to people at the front door. The most effective security doors are fitted with:

- a three-point locking facility
- three fixed hinges
- sturdy one-way mesh with a perspex lock protector.

A security door should be measured to ensure a tight fit.



Perspex lock protector

Good door and window locks can help keep you safe inside and deter thieves from breaking into your home

WINDOW SECURITY

WOODEN SASH/DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS (move vertically)

- These windows are fitted in older homes and are secured with a catch in the centre. This catch can be easily manipulated or jemmied open.
- A key lock security bolt best secures the window. When secured on the frame the bolt passes through both window frames.
- Another option for windows that are not used is to secure them shut permanently.



Multi purpose bolt

AWNING WINDOWS (hinged from top)

and CASEMENT WINDOWS (hinged on the side)

- A lockable window winder can be used to secure these windows but do not allow good security when locked in the open position.
- An awning window lock can be fitted.
- Or consider fitting security locks in windows (one in each corner) which use the strength of the frame to resist being jemmied open.



Awning window lock

LOUVRE WINDOWS

Louvres are a security risk and should be replaced with some other form of window or fitted with security mesh or bars (on the inside).